PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

HELD IN THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, NORTH PLATTE, NEB., OCTOBER 9-13, 1912

Rev. C. B. HARMAN, Pastor

Also the MINUTES of the THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA

HELD IN THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, NORTH PLATTE, NEB., OCTOBER 8-11, 1912

Synodical Calendar, 1912-1913.

OFFICERS.

President—Rev. C. J. RINGER, Benson, Neb.
Secretary—Rev. CHAS. H. LEWIS, Ponca, Neb.
Statistical Secretary—Rev. GEO. W. LIVERS, Benedict, Neb.
Treasurer—JOS. H. MILLER, M. D., Surprise, Neb.
Historian—Rev. L. P. LUDDEN, D. D., 1336 D St., Lincoln, Neb.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Rev. L. GROH, D. D., *Dogmatics and Hebrew.*
Rev. C. B. HARMAN, *Pastoral Theology.*
Rev. J. A. KOSER, *Church History.*
Rev. J. A. LOWE, *Greek Exegesis.*
Rev. O. D. BALTZLY, Ph. D., *Homiletics.*

ADVISORY BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. C. J. RINGER, *President,* Rev. CHAS. H. LEWIS, *Secretary,*
Rev. C. B. HARMAN, Rev. FULLER BERGSTRESSER,
Rev. S. H. YERIAN, Ph. D.,

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Rev. C. J. RINGER, *President,* Rev. CHAS. H. LEWIS, *Secretary,*
PAUL W. KUHNS, 1913, Rev. L. J. POWELL, 1914,
Rev. L. GROH, D. D., 1915.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Rev. L. J. POWELL, Rev. M. D. BERG,
Rev. L. L. LIPE, Rev. FULLER BERGSTRESSER,
JOSEPH H. MILLER, M. D.

COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MISSIONARY.

Rev. C. J. RINGER, *President,* Rev. O. D. BALTZLY, 1913.
A. L. KRAUSE, 1913, J. F. SMITH, 1914,
Prof. WM. EBRIGHT, 1914, R. L. YOUNG, 1914,
J. F. WILHELMY, 1915, R. B. WELLER, 1915,
Rev. S. H. YERIAN, 1915.

COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Rev. OSCAR WOODS, Rev. H. A. WOLFE,
JOS. H. MILLER, M. D.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Rev. C. E. SPARKS, Rev. H. C. BIXLER,
Rev. CHAS. H. LEWIS, Rev. M. D. BERG.

MIDLAND COLLEGE TRUSTEES.

Rev. R. M. BADGER, 1913, M. O. PLOWMAN, 1913,
Rev. J. A. LOWE, 1914, JOS. H. MILLER, M. D., 1914,
Rev. GEO. W. LIVERS, 1915, W. H. HOGREFE, 1915.

DIRECTORS OF NACHUSA ORPHANAGE.

Rev. L. P. LUDDEN, D. D., Rev. J. A. KOSER.

TRUSTEES OF TABITHA HOME.

Rev. FULLER BERGSTRESSER, J. H. HUMPE.

SPEAKERS FOR 1913.

Devotional Services for Entire Session of Synod—Rev. FULLER BERGSTRESSER, *Chaplain.*

Wednesday Night—Synodical Sermon.

Principal. *Alternate.*
Rev. C. J. RINGER, *President,* Rev. CHAS. H. LEWIS, *Secretary.*

Thursday Night—America as a Mission Field.
Rev. E. LEE FLECK, Rev. H. C. BIXLER.

Friday Night—The Call and Opportunity of the Pastor.
Rev. C. B. HARMAN, Rev. S. L. KELLER.

Saturday Afternoon—Preparatory Service.
Rev. GEO. W. LIVERS, Rev. H. A. WOLFE.

Sunday Morning—The Lord's Supper.
Rev. S. H. YERIAN, Ph. D., Rev. J. H. RICHARD.

Sunday Night—Ordination.
Rev. O. D. BALTZLY, Ph. D., Rev. L. L. LIPE.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Time—Oct. 8, 1913. *Place*—West Point, Neb.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Fortieth Annual Convention
OF THE
Evangelical Lutheran Synod
OF
NEBRASKA
HELD IN THE
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Platte, Neb., October 9-13, 1912

Pursuant to adjournment the Fortieth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska met in the First Lutheran Church North Platte, Nebr., October 9-13, 1912, Rev. C. B. Harman, pastor.

EVENING SERVICE.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1912, 8:00 P. M.

The Synodical Sermon was preached by the President of Synod, Rev. C. J. Ringer, Benson. Text: Isaiah xl. 8, "The Enduring Word."

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 9:00 A. M.

The half-hour devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. H. Richard, of McCool Junction.

Synod was called to order by President Ringer. The roll was called and credentials of lay delegates were received.

Synodical Roll.

Clerical.	Entered Ministry.	Address.	Lay Delegates.
W. F. Eyster, D. D.	1841	Crete, Neb.	
J. F. Kuhlman	1858	Goodland, Kans.	
L. Groh, D. D.	1863	Omaha	J. F. Wilhelmy
S. W. Young	1868	Davenport	W. Kretchman
J. L. Hammond	1870		
L. L. Lipe	1871	Grand Island	C. C. Hansen
G. W. Snyder	1872	Omaha	W. R. Sheppard
J. H. Stough, Ph. D.	1872	Chadron	
D. Z. Foulk	1873	York Springs, Pa.	
I. N. Augustine	1874	Grand Island	
J. A. Koser	1874	Nebraska City	
J. A. Lowe	1876	Wilber	
L. P. Ludden, D. D.	1878	Lincoln	
A. T. Ludwig	1879	Jamestown, Mo.	
Henry Heiser	1879	Texas	
W. G. Gettle	1880	Table Rock	
L. M. Kuhns	1885	Omaha	
R. A. White	1886	York	Fred J. C. Voss
E. Lee Fleck	1886	Lincoln (Waverly)	John Tiger
S. L. Keller	1887	Dakota	F. P. Culbertson
J. H. Albrecht	1892	Benson	
H. C. Bixler	1892	Bruning	
Fuller Bergstresser	1893	Lincoln	
M. E. Bollinger	1893	Sutherland	
C. J. Ringer	1894	Benson	
H. A. Wolfe	1894	Stella	W. H. Hogrefe
O. D. Baltzly, Ph. D.	1895	Omaha	Harry Fischer
M. D. Berg	1896	Sidney	Aug. Granneman
B. F. Kistler	1896	Benson	
G. W. Livers	1899	Benedict	F. S. Conant
S. H. Yerian, Ph. D.	1900	South Omaha	
C. B. Harman	1900	North Platte	Prof. W. Ebright
J. H. Richard	1900	McCool Junction	W. W. Seng
L. Pfeiffer	1900	Lincoln	
Roy M. Badger	1902	Beatrice	
C. E. Sparks	1903	South Auburn	
W. T. Kabse	1903	Atchison, Kans.	
Chas. H. E. Lewis	1904	Ponca	
L. J. Powell	1904	West Point	Stephen Person
Gustav Klatte	1905	Stamford	
Oscar Woods	1905	Oshkosh	
H. C. Stafford	1909	Rising City	Fred Reitz
John Sorensen	1911	South Sioux	L. A. Dierking
		Allen	Geo. F. Koester
Paul A. J. Buelow		Tekamah	G. A. Crannel
		Omaha, Grace	J. F. Smith
		Potter	Schultz

The President's Report was read and referred to the proper committee.

President's Report.

Fathers and Brethren of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, may the God of peace be with us all:

Through the all-wise providence of God, we have been spared through another year, another year's work is done; we, as God's servants, shall be rewarded for the service given according to the earnestness and spirit in which it was rendered.

We have again assembled in this, the fortieth annual convention, for the reviewing of the work of the past year, as well as to plan and deliberate for greater things in God's vineyard this coming year. May we be guided and directed by God in all of our deliberations, that everything may be done to His glory.

The following is a brief statement of my official acts during the year, which is respectfully submitted for your consideration and approval.

ACCESSIONS.

Nov. 11, 1911, Rev. Silas W. Young from the California Synod.

Dec. 27, 1911, Rev. C. E. Sparks from the Rocky Mountain Synod.

April 12, 1912, Rev. E. Pfeiffer from the German Nebraska Synod.

Sept. 13, 1912, Rev. W. T. Kahse from the Rocky Mountain Synod.

DISMISSALS.

Jan. 9, 1912, Rev. M. L. Melick was granted a letter of dismissal to the Iowa Synod, within which bounds he had accepted a call.

April 12, 1912, Rev. A. E. Deitz was dismissed to the New York Synod.

April 13, 1912, Rev. John E. Hummon was granted a letter of dismissal to the California Synod.

April 17, 1912, Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., was dismissed to the Kansas Synod, having accepted a call to Topeka, Kan.

July 1, 1912, Rev. Henry Voegtley was granted a letter of dismissal to the East Ohio Synod, having accepted a call within its bounds.

Sept. 3, 1912, Rev. W. C. Eckhart was dismissed to the California Synod.

Sept. 23, 1912, Rev. B. Sickel was dismissed to the Kansas Synod.

RESIGNATIONS.

Nov. 11, 1911, Rev. M. L. Melick informed me that he had resigned as pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church, Omaha, to take effect Nov. 30, 1911.

Nov. 27, 1911, Rev. J. L. Hammond notified me that he had closed his work at Homer, Neb., November 26th.

Nov. 10, 1911, Rev. H. A. Wolfe resigned the Davenport pastorate, to take effect Dec. 31, 1911.

March 22, 1912, Rev. S. W. Young resigned at Tekamah, to take effect April 30, 1912.

Feb. 4, 1912, Rev. M. D. Berg resigned the Hardy pastorate, to take effect March 31, 1912.

April 14, 1912, Rev. C. J. Ringer resigned as pastor of the Wayne Church, to take effect May 1st.

May 1st, Rev. H. Voegtley relinquished his work as pastor of the Wolbach pastorate.

Sept. 16, 1912, Rev. S. W. Young notified me that he would close his work as a supply at Davenport, October 1st.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

Rev. C. E. Sparks, of the Rocky Mountain Synod, accepted a call to Auburn, and began work Dec. 1, 1911.

Rev. H. A. Wolfe accepted a call to the Stella Church, and took charge Jan. 1, 1912.

Rev. C. H. B. Lewis accepted a call to Ponca, and began his work there Jan. 1, 1912.

Rev. M. D. Berg accepted a call and began work at Sidney April 1, 1912.

Rev. S. W. Young accepted a call to Davenport as a supply pastor, and began work May 1, 1912.

Rev. C. J. Ringer was called to Benson, and took charge May 1, 1912.

Rev. Paul A. J. Buelow, a graduate from the Western Theological Seminary, accepted a call to the Tekamah pastorate, and began his ministry May 1, 1912.

Rev. John Sorensen was called to the Homer, Hubbard and Sioux pastorate, and began his labors May 1, 1912.

Rev. F. E. Blessing, of the senior class of the Western Theological Seminary, has accepted a call to the Wayne pastorate, to begin work at the close of the school year next spring. In the meantime this charge will be supplied by the Rev. Josiah Kuhn, of Atchison, Kan.

INSTALLATIONS.

January 7th Rev. C. E. Sparks was installed as pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Auburn, Neb. Rev. J. F. Kruger, of the Western Theological Seminary, gave the address to the people and Rev. C. J. Ringer, President of the Synod, gave the address to the pastor.

Rev. H. C. Stafford was installed as pastor of the Rising City and Surprise pastorate on Feb. 4, 1912, at Rising City by Rev. L. J. Powell, of West Point, and at Surprise on February 11th by Rev. C. J. Ringer, President of the Synod.

May 5, 1912, Rev. C. J. Ringer was installed as pastor of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Benson. The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph. D., of South Omaha. The address to the people was given by Rev. O. D. Baltzly, of the Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. The service of installation was conducted by Rev. L. Groh, D. D., pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Omaha.

July 14, 1912, Rev. E. Pfeiffer was installed as pastor of the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lincoln, Neb. Rev. E. O. Osthoff, of Emerald, Neb., gave the address to the pastor and people in German. Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., gave the charge to the people and pastor in English.

SUPPLIES.

Mr. Floyd E. Blessing, of the Western Theological Seminary, supplied our church at Wayne and Emerson from the first of May to the first of September. He accepted a call to become their regular pastor, to begin at the close of his school work next spring.

Pawnee City (country church): This congregation was supplied by Mr. C. W. Seville, of the Western Theological Seminary, from the first of May to the first of September. During this time church improvements were made to the extent of $300.

Potter: This church was supplied by Mr. Martin Martensen, of Midland College, who served them very acceptably.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS.

During the year three new congregations were organized that will be added to our roll.

Oct. 22, 1911, Rev. C. J. Ringer organized the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Emerson, Neb., with sixteen charter members.

July 28, 1912, Rev. C. H. Lewis, pastor of our church at Ponca,

organized a new Lutheran congregation at Allen, Neb., with sixty-six charter members.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lincoln, Neb., was organized on Jan. 19, 1912, by Rev. E. Pfeiffer, with forty charter members. By the action of the Advisory Board of Home Missions, this congregation has already been enrolled as a member of this body.

APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. M. L. Melick resigned the office of Historian, on account of leaving the bounds of our synod. I thereupon, on Nov. 25, 1911, appointed Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., as the Historian to fill the unexpired term, and requested the retiring Historian to turn over to his successor all manuscripts, papers and property belonging to that office.

In accordance with the action of the synod last year, I made the following appointments:

Oct. 14, 1911, Rev. M. F. Troxel, D. D., to write the history of Midland College.

Feb. 25, 1912, Rev. H. Dysinger, D. D., to write the history of the Western Theological Seminary.

Feb. 27, 1912, Rev. L. M. Kuhns, to write the history of the Young People's Society.

Feb. 27, 1912, Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, of Dakota City, Neb., to write the history of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

OBITUARY.

It becomes our sad duty to record the death of one of our pioneer members, Rev. J. G. Groenmiller, D. D., at his home in Hanover, Kan., after a brief illness of two days on the morning of June 10, 1912, aged 86 years 3 months and 12 days. He was a man of strong conviction; a faithful pioneer minister of the Lord. He could say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

We are also called upon to record the death of Mrs. Rev. J. A. Lowe, who died on June 4, 1912, at her home in Wilber, Neb., after a long siege of suffering. Mrs. Lowe always had been a faithful helpmeet in her husband's missionary work, an active factor in the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and hence always had the true missionary spirit. She has gone to rest from her labors.

We are also called to mourn the loss by death of the Rev. S. L. Aughey, D. D., Ph. D., who departed this life in February,

1912. Dr. Aughey was one of the five ministers who met in Omaha April 27, 1871, to form this synod. He remained a member of this synod until his death.

I recommend that a committee be appointed to draft a suitable memorial to be spread upon our minutes.

I now desire to thank you for the honor bestowed upon me a year ago, and for the kindly co-operation of the brethren in the discharge of my duties. Now permit me to return to you the trust committed to my care at the last convention.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. RINGER.

The Treasurer's Report was read and referred to the Auditing Committee. (See also Treasurer's Exhibit, page 12.)

Treasurer's Report.

Members of the Nebraska Synod:

Herewith is submitted my tenth annual report as your Treasurer for the year ending Oct. 3, 1912:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand last report	$ 240 64
Received for General Synod	90 20
Received for Home Missions	1,072 12
Received for Foreign Missions	1,042 61
Received for Synodical Treasury	343 14
Received for Church Extension	604 87
Received for Board of Education	589 73
Received for Ministerial Education	630 30
Received for Pastors' Fund	214 28
Received for National Lutheran Home	143 18
Received for Tabitha Home	252 36
Received for Midland Library Endowment	148 92
Received for Synodical Missions	1,018 65
Received for Nachusa Orphanage	73 68
Received for Deaconess Board	56 21
Received for external objects	249 80
Total	$6,770 89

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Treasurer of General Synod	$ 84 64
Paid Treasurer of Home Missions	1,077 08

Paid Treasurer of Foreign Missions		1,061 06
Paid Treasurer of Church Extension		604 21
Paid Treasurer Board of Education		574 73
Paid Treasurer of Pastors' Fund		199 24
Paid Treasurer of Nachusa Orphanage		81 68
Paid Treasurer of Deaconess Board		56 21
Paid Treasurer of National Lutheran Home		132 33
Paid Treasurer of Tabitha Home		246 11
Paid interest on loan for Midland Library Endowment		18 65
Paid bills payable		625 55
Paid Treasurer of Western Theological Seminary		200 00
Paid Treasurer of Midland College		19 80
Paid special offering to Rev. J. N. Lentz		10 00
Paid special offering to Rev. G. W. Snyder		10 00
Paid special offering to Rev. H. H. Weber		10 00
Paid from Synodical Mission Fund—		
Rev. C. J. Ringer	$ 66 00	
Rev. S. L. Keller	5 15	
Rev. R. M. Badger	4 00	
Interest on loan	18 65	
		93 80
Paid from Ministerial Education Fund—		
M. P. Mortensen	$125 00	
Floyd Blessing	125 00	
Ralph Weissmiller	125 00	
John Hershey	125 00	
		500 00
Paid from Synodical Treasury—		
Lutheran Publication Society	$299 16	
Springer-Efner Printing Co.	6 00	
State Journal Company	9 45	
Corey & McKenzie	5 00	
J. L. Hammond	4 20	
Jos. H. Miller	39 75	
L. J. Powell	2 50	
J. E. Slinger	5 00	
O. D. Baltzly	1 30	
M. L. Melick	9 20	
R. M. Badger	21 50	
C. J. Ringer	8 25	
L. P. Ludden	15 00	
G. W. Livers	18 80	
Oscar Woods	70	
J. E. Hummon	7 60	

Wayne Herald	3 00	
		456 41
Cash on hand		709 39
Total		$6,770 89

Cash on hand is as follows—

Ministerial Education	$223 86	
Synodical Missions	595 50	
Various Boards	134 06	
		$953 42

The following have overdrafts—

Synodical Treasury	$ 78 10	
Midland Library Endowment	165 93	
		244 03
Balance on hand		$ 709 39

The Treasurer's exhibit shows that $6,530.23 were received during the year; that 18 churches have exceeded the apportionment, 2 have just met it, and 32 have a deficit. Also, 2 that have paid an excess, still have a deficit on the apportioned objects. There is a total deficit of the synod of $846.32, while the total deficit of the individual churches is $1,550.23. There are 6 churches without any credits.

It is proper to call attention to the fact that several churches have greatly exceeded their apportionment, the highest being 465⅓ per cent. There should be more systematic effort made to supply the vacant charges and secure the entire apportionment.

The vouchers on hand show $6,061.50 to have been paid out.

Since making the above report the following sums have been received:

Sydney	$ 33 20
Lewellen	46 28
Oshkosh	41 72
Waverly	24 90
Sioux	12 00
Hubbard	10 00
Homer	6 50
Davenport	11 00
Omaha St. Matthew	7 10
York	33 81
Rev. B. F. Kistler	2 00
Rev. J. L. Hammond	1 00

Treasurer's Exhibit for the Synodical Year.

	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	National Lutheran Home.	Tabitha Home.	Midland Library Endowment.	Synodical Missions.	Nachusa Home.	Deaconess Board.	External Objects.	Totals.	Excesses.	Deficits.
Allen	57	1 90	6 65	5 70	3 80	3 80	3 80	1 26	95	57	1 26	7 60	75	41	.....	39 02	.....	.....
Auburn	$1 65	$5 50	$19 25	$20 50	$11 00	$14 60	$15 00	$ 5 50	$ 2 75	$ 6 00	$ 3 85	$ 24 60	$6 00	$8 00	.....	$144 20	$34 20	.....
Beatrice	5 46	18 20	63 70	54 60	36 40	36 40	36 40	12 74	9 10	10 00	12 74	72 80	6 55	.....	.....	375 09	11 09	.....
Benedict, Bethel	99	3 50	11 55	9 90	6 60	6 60	6 60	2 31	1 65	3 69	2 31	13 20	1 65	3 30	$ 6 30	79 95	13 95	.....
Benedict, Zion	2 04	6 80	23 80	7 84	13 60	13 60	13 60	2 30	2 38	7 75	4 76	13 73	3 40	.....	.....	115 60	.....	26 11
Benson	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	22 00	.....	204 60
Bruning	1 00	2 50	19 25	5 00	5 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	50 75	.....	120 52
Dakota, Emmanuel	63	2 10	9 44	6 30	10 24	8 67	4 20	1 47	1 05	2 26	1 47	8 40	6 61	1 00	.....	63 84	21 84	.....
Dakota, Salem	2 37	7 90	27 65	23 70	18 80	15 80	15 80	5 53	3 95	5 50	5 53	32 09	7 22	5 00	.....	176 84	18 84	.....
Davenport	.....	5 00	15 00	11 00	10 00	4 50	5 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	5 50	.....	.....	59 00	.....	117 51
Emerson	.....	3 45	6 02	8 60	7 00	6 00	10 00	.....	.....	10 27	.....	15 09	.....	.....	.....	66 34	.....	.....
Ericson	51	1 70	5 95	5 10	3 40	3 40	.....	1 19	.....	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 76	.....	16 24
Grand Island	4 95	16 50	10 00	10 00	12 91	10 00	48 00	11 55	8 35	4 95	.....	66 00	.....	.....	.....	203 21	.....	141 79
Hardy	2 55	8 56	48 22	25 50	17 00	17 00	22 00	5 95	4 25	.....	.....	10 10	.....	.....	.....	161 13	.....	37 29
Hardy, Jewell	66	2 20	7 70	6 60	4 50	4 40	4 40	1 00	.....	75	2 00	9 66	.....	.....	.....	43 87	.....	1 09
Hendley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 72
Homer	1 05	3 30	13 25	3 44	6 60	6 60	6 60	2 31	1 65	99	2 31	13 20	.....	.....	.....	61 30	.....	6 46
Hubbard	72	9 36	4 00	3 00	3 00	3 92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	.....	30 96
Lewellen	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78 02
Lincoln	5 25	17 50	61 25	52 50	35 00	35 00	35 00	13 00	13 75	5 50	12 25	70 00	.....	10 00	.....	366 00	16 00	.....
McCool Junction	1 92	6 40	27 40	19 20	15 80	12 80	22 80	9 48	3 20	12 18	4 48	25 60	.....	6 62	.....	167 88	39 88	.....
Nebraska City	2 71	9 20	23 22	11 70	18 40	18 40	18 40	6 44	4 60	2 76	.....	26 09	.....	.....	.....	141 92	.....	43 03
North Platte	5 25	17 50	61 50	71 25	35 00	35 00	35 00	12 50	9 00	21 00	12 50	70 00	.....	.....	.....	385 50	35 50	.....
Omaha, Grace	3 21	10 70	37 45	32 10	21 40	21 40	9 20	5 64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	141 10	.....	72 90
Omaha, K. M.	12 00	40 00	155 00	135 00	90 00	80 00	95 00	28 00	20 00	12 00	28 00	160 00	.....	.....	200 00	1055 00	255 00	.....
Omaha, St. Mark	3 84	12 80	44 80	74 40	25 60	25 60	29 60	8 96	6 40	3 84	8 96	50 64	.....	.....	.....	295 44	39 44	56
Omaha, St. Matt.	.....	.....	4 55	3 00	4 00	3 61	2 55	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 71	.....	21 71
Orleans	30	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	70	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	14 62
Oshkosh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 00
Pawnee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 80
Pawnee, Zion	61	70	1 69	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	13 50	19 50	5 10	9 19
Paxton	1 30	4 20	12 75	11 40	5 00	5 00	7 40	2 94	.....	1 10	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	65 09	.....	18 91
Ponca	2 55	8 50	29 75	55 50	17 00	17 52	17 00	5 95	4 25	10 36	5 95	34 00	.....	4 00	.....	212 33	49 98	.....
Potter	1 25	4 00	13 00	4 60	8 00	9 30	8 75	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 00	.....	32 05

Treasurer's Exhibit for the Synodical Year.—Continued.

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Rising City	1 56	5 20	18 20	15 60	10 40	11 25	10 40	3 64	2 60	21 56	3 64	20 80	.....	2 00	.....	126 85	22 85	.....
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Stamford	3 00	3 00	15 50	9 00	7 31	9 00	1 00	.....	.....	2 18	.....	.....	1 00	1 50	.....	52 49	.....	111 07
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In the maintenance fund there is a balance of $196.98.

The new building is now under roof and the contractor hopes to turn it over to us by November 1st, all completed.

Truly this is a worthy cause and the Board urges upon the pastors and the good people the presenting of this cause that we may receive just now—our time of great need—the part of the outflow of the stream of gratitude for blessing received by you and your people.

It will be necessary at this time to elect one member of the Board from this synod to take the place of Rev. J. E. Hummon, whose term expires with this convention of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER P. LUDDEN, Trustee.

On motion, a Special Committee was appointed, with Rev. L. Groh, D. D., as Chairman, to locate the archives of

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Total balance on hand $7,002 40

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. MILLER.

The Statistical Secretary then read his report. (See Parochial Table, pages 54 to 59.)

The Historian's Report was then presented.

Historian's Report.

The Rev. M. L. Melick, Historian of the Synod, removing from the bounds of the Synod, the President appointed the undersigned to fill out the unexpired term of the Historian. From Rev. Melick I received the books, papers, historical data and the histories as prepared by him for the printer.

The individuals appointed to furnish the several items of history yet lacking have failed to complete the same. Correspondence along this line has resulted in several good, but unkept, promises.

For over seven years this work has been before Synod. I do not know what to recommend to Synod as a plan or method by which we can secure this unwritten history.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

First, that Synod extend a vote of thanks to Rev. M. L. Melick for his many years of faithful and painstaking work in gathering together, classifying and arranging so much of the historical matter of our Synod.

Second, that the Historian be urged to comply with the constitution in regard to historical data.

Third, that the Executive Council undertake the financing of the printing of the history of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. H. L. Yarger, Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, Rev. John F. Seibert, Manager of the Western Branch of Lutheran Publication Society, Rev. J. F. Pedersen, missionary on furlough, representing the Foreign Mission Board, Rev. Christian Jensen, President of Breklum Seminary, and F. P. Wigton, Executive Secretary of Nebraska Church Federation, were recognized in their

official capacities, and motion was carried that Dr. Yarger and Rev. Wigton be heard immediately following the election of President, and that Revs. Pedersen, Seibert, and Jensen be heard immediately following the opening of the afternoon session.

On motion, Floyd E. Blessing was received as a Commissioner from Wayne.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Rev. C. J. Ringer.

Secretary—Rev. Chas. H. B. Lewis.

Statistical Secretary—Rev. Geo. W. Livers.

Treasurer—Joseph H. Miller, M. D.

Historian—Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D.

The bar of Synod was fixed by the President within the first seven rows of pews.

Rev. F. P. Wigton, of Lincoln, Executive Secretary of the Nebraska Church Federation, then addressed Synod in the interests of his work. On motion, President was instructed to appoint a special Committee to investigate the Constitution of the Federation and report to Synod.

On motion, the time of adjournment of sessions was fixed at 12:00 noon, and 5:00 p. m.; afternoon sessions to begin at 2:00.

On motion, the invitation of the Brotherhood of the local church to an auto ride in the afternoon and a reception in the evening was accepted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Snyder.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2:00 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Dr. Ludden, followed by Roll Call. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved. The schedule of Special Committees was read.

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On motion, the Apportionment Committee was instructed to extend amounts as levied by General Synod.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Groh.

EVENING SERVICE.

THURSDAY, 8:00 P. M.

Rev. L. J. Powell, of West Point, delivered an address on the Brotherhood work; theme "Our Men." Rev. J. C. Pedersen, missionary on furlough, gave an interesting account of the work in the Africa mission.

After the evening service, the Brotherhood of the North Platte congregation gave a reception to all the delegates of Synod.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9:00 A. M.

After a thirty minutes' devotional service led by Rev. R. A. White, Synod was called to order with prayer by Rev. M. D. Berg, followed by Roll Call, and reading and approval of the minutes of the previous session.

The Committee on Letters and Papers reported through Rev. Koser. Report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers would report that the following have been placed in our hands:

1. A letter from Rev. S. S. Waltz, D. D., stating that he has sent certain papers to Synod, relative to the work of the "Lutheran Brotherhood," and requesting the enrollment of all men's organizations. If such papers are present, we would suggest that they be distributed, and that his request for enrollment be heeded.

2. The second is a letter from Rev. J. E. Dietterich, Treasurer of the Pastors' Fund Society, in which he speaks of a deficiency

of funds for this worthy object. He requests apportionment for the full amount as given by the General Synod. He calls attention to the fact, that while our apportionment is $567.92, thus far during this year but $197.05 has been paid. Your Committee would urge upon the brethren, a due consideration of the importance of this object.

3. A letter from Rev. Frederick Gotwald, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education, expressing inability to be present at this session of Synod, but containing nothing demanding our attention.

4. A communication from J. G. Martin, General Superintendent of the "World's Christian Citizenship Movement," in which he asks co-operation on the part of this Synod, and requests delegates to a Convention which will be held at Portland, Oregon, June 29 to July 6, 1913. Your Committee suggests that we express our approval of this work; but in view of a multiplicity of movements of a similar character, and duties claiming our attention more immediately, we do not see our way clear to send a delegation at the time proposed.

5. Greetings to this body from Rev. A. Schimmelpfennig, fraternal delegate chosen by the German Nebraska Synod. He expresses his regrets for inability to be present at this session. This letter is full of brotherly expression, and profound Christian sentiment. We would suggest that it be read by the Secretary of Synod at such time as may be most suitable.

6. A letter from Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D. D., with reference to our new General Synod church paper, "Lutheran Church Work." He speaks of the new venture as a success thus far. He says, "We can now announce that our circulation is between 7,000 and 8,000, that all bills have been paid to September 1st, with money in the Treasury for several months to come, and that it is the judgment of the Committee that they will close the first year, March 1, 1913, without a deficit. He asks the co-operation of the pastors in making a subscription list of 20,000 before next meeting of General Synod. He requests the appointment of an official, who might be termed a Literature Secretary, with whom the Committee can directly co-operate in promoting the circulation and other interests of "Lutheran Church Work" within our bounds. We submit this to the judgment of Synod.

7. A communication from Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, President of General Synod, containing the various proposed changes in the Constitution of the General Synod and change of expression of its doctrinal basis, with which you are familiar. As our Synod at its last session took action upon these changes, except that of the doctrinal expression, which is likely to come up in its natural

connection, your committee has nothing to suggest as to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KOSER.
J. A. LOWE.
O. D. BALTZLEY.

The Secretary then read, by request, the letter of greetings from Rev. Ralph P. Schimmelpfennig, fraternal delegate from German Nebraska Synod. On motion, the Secretary was further instructed to acknowledge receipt of the letter and convey the greetings of Synod to the brother.

The Committee on Protocol reported and report was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Protocol.

We, your Committee on Protocol, submit the following report:

We have examined the protocol and find the records have been neatly and carefully kept.

However, we find that a large portion of the minutes have been preserved by merely pasting into the protocol pages of the printed minutes. Inasmuch as records of this character would not stand if presented in courts as evidence on any important matter, therefore, we recommend that the secretary be instructed to have all the minutes properly transcribed in the protocol in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. SPARKS.
OSCAR WOODS.
F. P. CULBERTSON.

The Committee on Ministerial Education then reported, and on motion was considered a seriatim.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your Committee would report the following:

Pursuant to the action of your Synod last year, the Committee has given aid to four young men who have been pursuing work in Midland College and in its Theological Department.

1. Martin Mortensen graduated from the college department and has entered upon his first year in the Seminary. He asks that $125 be granted for the ensuing year.

2. John Hershey also finished the college course successfully and has entered upon the study of theology. He asks for the same amount.

3. Ralph Weismiller is now in his second year in the Seminary and asks also for the $125.

4. Floyd Blessing, who is in the Senior year in Seminary, also feels compelled to ask for the usual amount of $125.

The grade and semester reports of these young men have been examined and found good in the main. The committee recommends that these four receive the amounts asked for respectively.

5. One new application has been received from Jas. C. Mortensen, a brother of the one now receiving aid. So far as the committee has been able to investigate his fitness, he appears a worthy young man. He enters the regular Freshman year and represents the situation as such that he will require the full $125. On suggestion from the chairman of the committee and because of probable lack of funds, this young man has also applied for aid to another Synod for a part or all of the amount. We recommend that he receive aid to the amount asked for on condition that the entire amount does not exceed $125 from both Synods.

6. Application has also been made for aid for one student in Breklum. The committee recommends that $75 be appropriated from the funds on condition that the remainder of the $125 be secured by subscriptions on the floor of Synod.

7. The committee entered into communication with Mr. John Poot, urging response in the repayment of the church's funds used by him. No reply was received. Believing the time is at hand for realizing definite results in this case, we have laid plans to have this collected by legal process.

8. We also communicated with Mr. Fred White, who has gone into secular work. We ask for recommendations as to what should be done as to collecting the amount of indebtedness due Synod.

9. Report is made of the fact that the plan adopted a year ago, whereby it was hoped the committee could keep in closer touch with the beneficiaries, has been put into execution. Blanks are now in the hands of the officials of the college and semester reports have been received from each beneficiary with each grade report.

L. J. POWELL, *Chairman.*
JOS. H. MILLER.
M. D. BERG.
L. L. LIPE.
FULLER BERGSTRESSER.

Items 1 to 4 were adopted as read.

Item 5 was held for further investigation and committee given power to act.

Items 6 and 7 were adopted.

Item 8 adopted, and on motion, committee was instructed to proceed according to Art. xi, Sec. 8, of Constitution.

Item 9 was adopted as read.

On motion, report was then adopted as a whole.

The report of the Trustees of Tabitha Home was read by Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, and on motion was adopted.

Report of Trustees of Tabitha Home.

Gentlemen and Brethren:

Tabitha Home makes as strong an appeal for sympathetic consideration and loyal support as at any time since coming under the fostering care of the General Synod.

The personnel of the Board of Directors is as follows: Wartburg Synod, Revs. C. Heinrich, R. Neumann; German Nebraska Synod, Revs. J. F. Krueger, G. F. F. Mueller, L. Grauenhorst; Kansas Synod, Rev. B. R. Lantz and Roy Seaton, Esq.; Iowa Synod, Rev. D. R. Huber and Theo. Larson, Esq.; Rocky Mountain Synod, Rev. R. B. Peery; English Nebraska, Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, Hon. J. H. Humpe.

The financial statement for the fiscal year, April 1, 1911, to March 31, 1912, shows receipts of $11,155 and expenditures of $10,889. (Since the annual Board meeting, from April 1st to September 1st, the receipts have been $7,861 and the expenditures $7,946.)

Owing to the large size of the building, the number of inmates, the varied work being done, it is necessarily an expensive institution to maintain. Yet, it is managed more economically than three institutions under separate roofs could be conducted. In considering the expense one must not lose sight of the fact that we are conducting three institutions in one—an orphanage, a home for the aged and a hospital. As an instance of the economical administration it may be stated that for the past nine months the grocery bills have averaged only $177.57 per month. This means that it has cost only nine cents per day to board the inmates of the Home.

Three years ago we reported the indebtedness of the Home as approximately $46,930. Since then this amount has been reduced to $32,000, which we deem a remarkable accomplishment in view of the fact that this debt reduction is in addition to the sum per year needed to meet the current expenses of the institution.

The year has witnessed many advance steps. In the physical

betterment of the place the year has been notable. Electric lights have been installed, the roof has been reshingled, the boilers in the powerhouse overhauled, the parsonage put in habitable condition, new furniture secured, the plastering repaired, a modern electric laundry installed, two horses and two cows purchased, the campus greatly beautified, new piping system installed, the barn painted. Also the hospital department has been opened for real service and placed on a paying basis, and a training school for nurses opened with prescribed course of study and service.

The imperative need of a man in the field acting as financial agent was satisfied in the employment of Rev. E. Walter, of Platte Center, Neb., at a salary of one thousand dollars per year. This was a happy choice and promises to be the financial salvation of the Home.

During the year there were twenty-six children in the orphanage At the present time there are fourteen. There have been twenty-four in the Aged Department. Five of these old people have died. No new admissions have been granted this department for the past eighteen months.

In December, 1911, the hospital department was opened for real service, with Dr. J. W. Greenman, Surgeon in Chief, and Dr. H. B. Miller, Physician in Chief. According to agreement these physicians give free professional service to all inmates and employes of the Home, to clergymen and their families, and in addition pay forty dollars per month toward the salary of the head nurse. The Home receives the fee for use of the operating room and pay for the board of patients. On this basis we figure that the hospital is more than self-supporting. Since Dec. 1, 1911, the cash receipts in this department have been $5,113, with an additional $687 uncollected, but secured in part by notes. Since Dec. 1, 1911, there have been 131 operations performed with perfect results, with the exception of three cases. The free service of the hospital has been given to six afflicted clergymen and their families. This fact makes a strong appeal to the brethren of sympathetic mind. The fact that there is such a haven of help for our brethren is a blessing sent straight down from heaven.

Miss Mable Ahrends has the honor and distinction of being the first graduate nurse to be given a diploma by the Tabitha Home Training School. The Training School now has a prescribed course of study conforming in all respects with accredited schools. The schedule of studies is as follows:

FIRST YEAR CLASS WORK.

Anatomy and Physiology	30 hrs.
Materia Medica	24 hrs.
Dietetics	24 hrs.

Nursing	30 hrs.

LECTURES.

Anatomy and Physiology	20 hrs.
Materia Medica	10 hrs.
Medical Subjects	8 hrs.
Surgical Subject	6 hrs.
Total	152 hrs.

Every Week.

4—Classes and 1 Lecture for 4½ months
3—Classes and 2 Lectures for 4½ months

SECOND YEAR CLASS WORK

Hygiene	12 hrs.
Obstetrics	20 hrs.
Pediatrics	12 hrs.
Bacteriology	12 hrs.
Gynaecology	6 hrs.
Urinalysis	6 hrs.
Mental and nervous diseases and care of insane	10 hrs.
Ethics	6 hrs.
Eye, ear, nose and throat and skin	10 hrs.
General Subjects	6 hrs.
Total	120 hrs.

LECTURES.

Eye (2), Ear (2), Nose and Throat (2), Skin (3)	9 hrs.
Obstetrics (6), Venereal diseases (2)	8 hrs.
Gynaecology (4), Mat. Med. (4)	8 hrs.
Anesthesia (2)	2 hrs.
Digestive system (2) Excretory system (2)	4 hrs.
Advanced Surgery (3)	3 hrs.
Pediatrics	10 hrs.
Nervous diseases—Care of Insane	5 hrs.
General Subjects	10 hrs.
Total	59 hrs.
Class Work	120 hrs.
	179 hrs.

Every Week.

4—Classes and 2 Lectures for 9 months.

The Lord has raised up many friends and helpers the past year. The German Nebraska Synod deserves special mention, as the largest and best help has come from these good brethren. In addition to their large gifts of money they have given provisions and feed, and provided the money for the purchase of two cows. Mention is gratefully made of a donation of a seven hundred dollar note with several years' accrued interest from Mr. Henry Knollenberger, of South Auburn, Neb. The gift of four hundred dollars from Rev. H. Sickman, of Hastings, Neb., for a fully equipped electric laundry calls forth our devout gratitude.

This work of mercy at Tabitha Home is beginning to grip men of larger means and we hope to have the pleasure before long of reporting some large gifts. If we had an additional ten thousand dollars we are confident it could be stretched to the cancellation of twenty thousand of our indebtedness. Any gift to Tabitha Home at this time can be made to do double duty.

There is an urgent and immediate need of fire escape equipment

This is our paramount need. It will cost six hundred dollars, and the mere announcement that the building is without fire escapes should prompt some one financially able to supply this need.

As we cannot hope for street car service at our door for several years to come, it is necessary for us to purchase a bus to carry our visitors and patients from the car line to the Home. Such a vehicle will cost two hundred dollars and must be secured before the winter months. For several months we had automobile service, but this proved too expensive and was discontinued. It will be necessary to secure a bus if the hospital department is to develop as we confidently expect it to do.

It is with deep regret that report is made of the resignation of Superintendent Koolen. After three years of faithful, intelligent and self-sacrificing service this good brother relinquished his position on August 1st. Despair and doubt and utter hopelessness had settled upon the Home and the task that confronted the new superintendent three years ago was appalling. But by dint of his great faith in God, his untiring energy and his eloquent, heart-searching presentation of the work by voice and pen he removed mountains of difficulties, and upon his retirement from office, to devote his time exclusively to the pastorate, left a comparatively easy task for his successor.

For the entire force of assistants we have only the highest commendation. The work of Sisters Christina and Ida is invaluable. We should dislike the task of trying to secure substitutes for the kind and amount of work they so willingly and efficiently do. This Synod would do itself proud in giving a generous support to the Deaconness Board in recognition of the service rendered by the two Deaconesses at Tabitha Home.

In Acting Superintendent Walter we feel that the Home has secured a real "house father." His kind and unassuming manner, his solicitous regard for the sick, the aged and the children, coupled with his growing enthusiasm for the success of the Home will bring large returns of good will and financial assistance.

The list of employes includes our General Superintendent, the two Deaconesses, nine nurses, one cook, two dining room girls, one laundry woman and assistant, three men, and two collectors—Mr. Berry and Miss Grossman.

Necessarily the needs of the Home are many and urgent. The lack of sufficient income has ever hampered the work. Money and still more money, together with the prayers and the good will and the patience of the church will speedily usher in the time when the permanence and continued usefulness of the Home will be assured.

The Executive Committee requests that little mention be made of its service, yet one can easily read between the lines that this committee has assignment of duty not to be envied. Only love of the church and a desire for the success of the Home could hold men without complaining to a gratuitous task such as this is.

Respectfully submitted,

FULLER BERGSTRESSER.
J. H. HUMPE.

On motion, the report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions was made a special order for 2:00 p. m.

The Obituary Committee report was read by Rev. Koser, and on motion was adopted after which Rev. L. L. Lipe led the Synod in prayer.

Report of Obituary Committee.

Since last session of Synod, three of our co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord have been called from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant.

Rev. S. L. Aughey, D. D., of Spokane, Wash., died in February, 1912. This brother, as stated in our President's report, was a charter member of this Synod, being one of the original five ministers who met at Omaha, April 27, 1871, and organized this body. As a pastor his work was largely confined to the charges in Dakota County and vicinity. He was called from the pastorate to a chair in our State University at Lincoln. He applied himself studiously and was soon called to a larger field in the development of the resources of this country, and continued these pursuits to the end of life. This brother was a frequent writer for our church papers, and his articles betrayed a devotion to the service of the Master, and demonstrated his superior scholarship.

Resolved, That while we bow with humble submission to the will of God, we express our sorrow because of his death, and our sympathy in behalf of those who are left to mourn his departure.

Rev. J. G. Groenmiller, D. D., of Hanover, Kansas, departed this life, June 10, 1912, at the age of 86 years, 3 months and 12 days. Brother Groenmiller was largely a self-made man. He prepared himself, at least in part if not wholly, under the direction of his pastor, Rev. Phaler, of Salisbury, Pa. He was one of the pioneer members of this Synod, a man of strong convictions, unquestioned piety and devotion, an able and earnest minister of the Word, a man of liberality and self-denial, and of untiring effort for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

Resolved, That it is with sincere sorrow that we receive the sad intelligence of this worthy brother's death, and that we strive to imitate his godly example.

We are also called upon to mourn the departure of one of our most worthy co-laborers in the person of Mrs. J. A. Lowe, wife of our beloved brother in the gospel ministry. Her death occurred June 4, 1912. Mrs. Lowe was well known to the brethren of Synod, as one of the most active of our Women's Missionary Society, serving as their President for some years. She filled her place with unusual faithfulness as a pastor's wife.

Resolved, That we express our sorrow because of her departure, and our sincere sympathy in behalf of the bereaved family, and especially in behalf of her sorrowing husband who will miss her helpfulness in the discharge of the sacred duties of his office.

Resolved, That Synod unite in prayer led by Rev. Lipe, after the adoption of these resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KOSER.
L. GROH.

By request, the Secretary read a letter of greetings from Rev. W. F. Eyster, D. D., and on motion the Secretary was instructed to write to Revs. Eyster and Kuhlman conveying the greetings of Synod.

On motion, the time for the hearing of Dr. L. P. Ludden in his official capacity as Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions was determined to be immediately after the consideration of the Report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

The minutes of the session were read and approved.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. White.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2:00 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Wolfe.

Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D., D. D., President of Midland College, was then introduced to Synod.

The report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions

was read by Rev. Badger, and on motion was considered a seriatim.

Report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

1. *Bruning—Rev. H. C. Bixler, pastor:* This mission is gradually moving forward in the work; the membership is increasing, with good attendance at all the services. The Sunday school is one of the youngest in the county, but stood second on the list at the county convention for attendance, teacher-training and Bible work.

At present they are engaged in remodeling and improving the church building, which consists of making a pulpit recess, furnace, new pews and painting the interior and exterior. The mission raised for all purposes $1,460.00. The pastor had an extra burden to bear on account of sickness in the family.

2. *Benson—C. J. Ringer, pastor:* This mission became vacant last November by the resignation of Rev. J. H. Albrecht. The people were discouraged on account of financial difficulties. But much credit is due to Rev. O. D. Baltzly, of the Kountze Memorial Church and Rev. S. H. Yerian of South Omaha, who came to their aid at a very critical time by giving them assistance in the raising of a sufficient amount, so as to enable them to pay a note at the bank of $400.00 besides other minor pressing claims of $100.00, and who, with the aid of the other Omaha pastors, gave them regular service every Lord's Day afternoon through the winter and spring months; thus kept up the regular service until the arrival of the present pastor, who took charge of the work on the first of May. Interest has been revived, the attendance at the regular services has increased, also the attendance at Sunday school. The pastor expects to organize a large catechetical class after the meeting of Synod. In order to secure a pastor for this mission it became necessary for the Advisory Board of Home Missions to make an appropriation of $200.00 to supplement the appropriation of the Home Mission Board and the amount raised on the field.

During the summer $133.00 was expended for sewerage connection, plumbing and cement work, all of which is paid for.

3. *Homer—Hubbard—Sioux:* These three points united into one charge and called Rev. John Sorensen, of Potter, Neb., who took charge of the work the first of May. He reports progress at all three points. At Homer he reports a good growing Sunday school, and also a Young People's Society with twenty members; and a catechetical class of eighteen members, who receive instruction in the fundamental doctrine of the Christian religion. At

Sioux, they have a good Sunday school, also a Christian Endeavor Society of twenty-two members. At Hubbard the attendance at the regular service of worship is growing, and here the pastor also gives regular instruction to a class of six catechumens. Brother Sorensen is doing a good work.

4. *Lincoln, St. John's, Rev. E. Pfeiffer, pastor:* This is a new congregation that was organized on the 19th of January, 1912, with forty charter members which has since increased to sixty-two. This congregation is already in possession of a comfortable church building and a parsonage, which they purchased from the Presbyterians for $4,500.00, in a very desirable part of the city. They will pay $1,000.00 when the deed is delivered, and the balance on payments. This new congregation is to be congratulated upon their auspicious beginning, and we predict great things for them in the future.

In accordance with the authority delegated to the Advisory Board of Home Missions at the last meeting of Synod, this committee, after examining their constitution and found it in accordance with the Synod's requirements, was received as a member of this body, and the secretary of Synod ordered to enroll the same as such. We hereby ask that this body ratify this action of your Advisory Board.

5. *Omaha, Grace:* This church became vacant by the resignation of her faithful pastor, Rev. M. L. Melick, October 30, 1911, and is still without a shepherd, but they have kept up the regular Sunday morning service. They are earnestly seeking a pastor, and we hope that they may soon have a shepherd to lead them. This church will not only give a substantial increase in salary to their new pastor, but at the same time will become self-sustaining. This congregation is to be congratulated upon its step forward; and we pray that God may continue to bless them.

6. *Oshkosh and Lewellen, Rev. Oscar Woods, pastor:* In connection with serving these two congregations, he established several preaching points in schoolhouses adjacent to these places. Two out from Oshkosh about six miles distance each. At Lewellen two points, one out about six miles distance, the other at Belmar, a railroad station twelve miles down the valley, which is a rich agricultural section that is just now being brought under irrigation and in a few years will have a large increase in population. We commend Brother Woods for doing this pioneer missionary work.

7. *Potter:* This field became vacant the first of May when Rev. John Sorensen relinquished the work. Mr. Martin Mortensen,

a student at Midland, supplied them very acceptably through the summer months. They are anxious to secure a pastor.

8. *Pawnee City:* This church has been without a pastor for several years, several attempts were made to revive the work without success because a suitable pastor could not be secured. In the meantime the membership has scattered, some moved away; others have united with other churches; so that at present there is no prospect of reviving the church again. Your president visited this field the latter part of September and consulted with some of the members, and found that there is no longer any desire on their part to attempt to revive the work. The foundation of the building is giving away. The exterior is in need of paint. The interior, the walls and pews are in good condition.

Under these conditions we, your Advisory Board of Home Missions, would recommend that the Church Extension Board at once proceed to take possession of the property and dispose of the same, giving the pulpit, chairs and hymn board to Benson, the organ to South Omaha, and the pews to York.

9. *South Omaha: Rev. S. H. Yerian* is the efficient pastor of this important mission. A substantial progress was made during the year. The attendance at the regular services and Sunday school is growing. He reports a net gain of membership of twenty-nine. $2,600.00 was raised by this mission during the year for all purposes; the indebtedness was reduced $1,200.00. We congratulate this mission on their substantial progress, in both the net gain of membership and the reduction of their indebtedness.

10. *Sutherland—Paxton: Rev. M. E. Bollinger* is the able pastor of this mission. He has nothing special to report; but the work is moving forward harmoniously; the communions are well attended. He writes: "We have at least held our own and in the face of some adverse conditions made a little progress."

11. *Sidney: Rev. M. D. Berg* is the faithful pastor who took charge of this work April 1st after a vacancy of over two years; this congregation suffered as usual by the long vacancy. The pastor reports $200.00 improvements on the parsonage; also recarpeted the church, put down new cement walks with other minor improvements, and all paid for. He also reports an active Dorcas society. While this field has many discouraging features, yet we feel that Brother Berg will do a good work at this point.

12. *Stamford: Gustave Klatt, pastor.* This mission is going along well; there are seventy-one members. Three other points are being worked. Droughts made things backward during the

year. A Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society was organized during the year; the Young People's Society has a good growth. They hope to stand free from the Home Mission Board by another year.

13. *Wilber: Rev. J. A. Lowe* is the self-denying pastor of this mission. This field is noted as the most difficult one in connection with our Synod on account of the materialistic spirit and influence so prevalent in this community, which makes church work very difficult but nevertheless necessary. The pastor reports a class of ten catechumens that received instruction during the summer, four of whom were confirmed. The membership held its own; a new roof was placed on the church building at a cost of $95.00 The pastor was sorely bereft last May by the death of his wife.

14. *Wolbach—Ericson:* These two mission points have been without a pastor since the first of May, when Rev. Henry Voegtley relinquished the work. We know that they are very desirous to have a pastor, which we sincerely hope they may soon have.

15. *Omaha—St. Matthews: Rev. G. W. Snyder, pastor.* The Advisory Board at its meeting in Omaha in April adopted the following: "While a matter of regret, in our judgment the condition of St. Matthews is such that we are unable to recommend the continuance of its appropriation for the time being." The Advisory Board has gone over the report of Brother Snyder and after again considering all features connected with the case, we are still of the opinion that this recommendation shall stand as the judgment of this Board.

16. *York: Rev. R. A. White, pastor.* With his earnest efforts, this mission has made substantial progress during the year. He writes that in some respects this was the most successful year in the history of the church; harmony in the membership, interest revived in some who had been indifferent for years, an excellent spirit of co-operation in the young people. A new steel ceiling was placed in the basement of the church. A payment was made on the mortgage; and they expect to make another one in November. Thus they are steadily reducing the mortgage indebtedness of the church. Brother White and his people are to be commended in their efforts and struggles to reduce their indebtedness.

17. In noticing the different fields that are ripe for the Lutheran Church we again feel the need of a Synodical Missionary. We feel that with the advanced business methods, the church must also be business-like in her plans for starting new work. We therefore ask that 20 cents per member be the apportionment for the Synodical Mission Fund.

18. We also recommend that the Committee on Traveling Secretary act jointly with the Advisory Board of Home Missions in the securing of a Synodical Missionary.

C. J. RINGER.
CHAS. H. LEWIS.
L. GROH.
S. H. YERIAN.
R. M. BADGER.
S. L. KELLER.

Items 1 to 14 were adopted as read.

On item 15, the yeas and nays were called for, resulting as follows: Yeas, Groh, Keller, Yerian, Harmon, Powell, Baltzly, Crannel, Smith—8; Nays, Lipe, Snyder, Koser, Lowe, Ludden, White, Bixler, Bergstresser, Bollinger, Livers, Richard, Klatt, Woods, Stafford, Berg, Wolfe, Sparks, Kretchman,—18; present, but not voting, Lewis, Fischer. Item rejected.

Items 16 to 18 adopted as read.

Report adopted as a whole.

Rev. L. P. Ludden, Western Field Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, was then heard in his official capacity.

A subscription was started on the floor of Synod for the purpose of creating a fund for the securing of a Missionary Superintendent. Two hundred and seventy-five dollars was pledged, and on motion the Advisory Board of Home Missions and the Committee on Traveling Secretary were instructed to continue the canvass through personal appeal for this purpose.

The Committee on New Congregations then reported. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on New Congregations.

We, the Committee on New Congregations, have applications for admittance to the Synod of Nebraska from the congregations at Emerson and at Allen, Nebraska. Their Constitutions are the regular Home Mission Constitutions.

We recommend the reception of these congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. BADGER.
G. W. LIVERS.
G. A. CRANNELL.

The Committee on Apportionment then submitted their report and report was adopted. See also page 52.

Report of Apportionment Committee.

Your Committee on Apportionment would recommend that the apportionment for the objects not fixed by General Synod be as follows:

Synodical Treasury	$0 12
Synodical Missions	20
Ministerial Education	25
Midland Library Endowment	07

J. H. RICHARD.
M. D. BERG.
WM. EBRIGHT.

The Committee on Vacancies Report was read and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Vacancies.

According to our information, the following vacancies exist in our Synod: Davenport, Hardy, Omaha Grace, Pawnee, Potter, Roca and Wolbach.

Davenport was supplied during the summer by Rev. S. W. Young, but has now closed his work.

Hardy has been vacant several months and we have not learned what efforts have been made to secure a pastor.

Omaha, Grace, have been making strenuous efforts to secure a man, and we are hopeful that this pulpit will soon be filled.

We understand that the *Pawnee* Zion has been supplied by a student during the summer.

Potter became vacant by the resignation of Brother Sorensen, but we are informed that it is hoped that this field will soon be cared for.

Roca is still without pastoral care. The Wolbach and Ericson is sadly in need of some one to feed the flock.

In view of the fact of the existence of seven vacancies in our Synod, we recognize the need of a traveling secretary to

help care for these charges and solve the problem of securing pastors, and look forward to the time when our Synod shall see its way clear to employ such an official.

C. E. SPARKS.
S. L. KELLER.
H. W. KRETCHMAN.

On motion, the hearing of the report of the Trustees of Midland College was made a special order for the morning immediately following roll-call, after which Dr. Peery was to be heard in his official capacity.

On motion, the work of the Deaconess Board was made a special order immediately following the address of Dr. Peery.

Rev. Baltzly read the report of the Committee on Traveling Secretary. Report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Travelling Secretary Fund.

Your Committee would report that at the last convention of Synod, the house constituting this fund was vacant; that the committee previous to that meeting of Synod had made repairs amounting to $276.02. We were still unable to rent the property in that repair to any suitable tenant. On or about the first of April, 1912, we received a proposition from Travers Bros. that if we would put further repairs on the house, which said Travers Bros. agreed to do for $500, they would take a lease for two years at $35 per month. We regarded the proposition as advantageous and made a contract with said Travers Bros. for the same, and signed a lease for two years at $35 per month. The following is a list of the work done: Two foot cement walk from front walk around the house to rear kitchen door; rear wash room moved back to alley and underpinned with foundation and new end and doors put in so it could be used for a garage; siding the rear of the house, and platform built to the kitchen where washroom had been moved away, repaired the lattice, razed the chimney in the wash room, sodded the front yard, painted house and garage two primer coats and one body coat, replaced broken glass, replaced porcelain knobs with brush brass knobs, wired building for electric lights with combination light fixtures; removed doors from reception hall to parlor and sitting room and larger opening cut and cased; three-eighths inch oak floor in all rooms except kitchen, rear

bed room and bath room, filled and varnished, wall decorations repaired and new drain board on kitchen sink. Said Travers Bros. expended $40.15 more than contract, but made a donation of the amount. An additional $184.97 was spent for minor repairs not included in the contract, as indicated in the Treasurer's report.

The present amount spent on repairing the property amount to	$ 960 99
Interest, water rent, and plumbing	50 92
	$1,011 91
Receipts for six months' rent	210 00
Present indebtedness carried in notes	$ 801 91
We find in addition to the above that taxes have accrued for two years, county tax, and three years city tax, amounting to	$ 151 27
Delinquent paving tax	96 51
	$ 247 78
Indebtedness carried in note	801 91
Total indebtedness	$1,049 69

The approximate value of the property is $6,000. According to the decision of a reputable attorney this property can be sold twenty-five years from date of the deed which term will be fulfilled in 1913.

Respectfully submitted,

O. D. BALTZLY.
C. B. HARMAN.
J. F. SMITH.
WM. EBRIGHT.

STATEMENT OF TREASURER OF TRAVELING SECRETARY COMMITTEE.

1911.		
Oct. 1.	Balance overdrawn	$ 276 02
Oct. 17.	Interest	2 50
1912.		
Mar. 3.	Interest	2 75
Apr. 15.	Omaha Water Co.	6 15
May 1.	Shades for house	14 62
May 11.	Travers Bros. on account	300 00
May 11.	Adam Jamieson, plumbing	11 70
May 31.	Travers Bros., balance on contract	200 00
May 31.	Tin work and spouting	9 00
June 12.	Travers Bros., screens and hardware	13 55

June 15.	Omaha Water Co.	10 22
July 1.	Interest	7 40
Oct. 1.	Interest	10 20
Oct. 7.	Fonnes and Rusland, furnace	135 00
Oct. 9.	Adam Jamieson, plumbing	12 80
		$1,011 91

RECEIPTS.

Six months' rent, May to October, inclusive	210 00
Balance due Treasurer	$ 801 91

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

On motion, the Committee on Traveling Secretary was instructed to borrow money to pay the taxes on the property in Omaha.

Rev. C. B. Harman, pastor loci, read the report of the Devotional Committee. Report adopted.

Report of Devotional Committee.

The Devotional Committee beg to make the following report on Sunday preaching appointments:

Episcopal, evening—Rev. O. D. Baltzly.

Presbyterian, a. m.—Rev. L. J. Powell; p. m.—Rev. L. Groh, D. D.

Baptist, a. m.—Rev H. A. Wolfe; p. m.—Rev. C. E. Sparks.

Methodist, a. m.—Rev. L. L. Lipe.

Lutheran Sunday-school, Primary Department—Rev. J. A. Lowe; Main School—Rev. C. H. Lewis.

Luther League—Rev. M. D. Berg and Rev. W. T. Kahse.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HARMAN,
WILLIAM EBRIGHT.

The report of the Committee on Claims was read and approved.

Report of Committee on Claims.

Your Committee on Claims have received and audited the following bills:

Lutheran Publication Society	$14 48

Oscar Woods	1 32
C. J. Ringer	7 80
G. W. Livers	12 81
S. H. Yerian	1 50
R. M. Badger	9 35
Jos. H. Miller	15 25
L. P. Ludden	15 30

We recommend that the above be allowed.

JOS. H. MILLER,
G. F. KOESTER.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies was read by Rev. Bixler. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

The church cannot give to this branch of her work too much attention, because of the Master's command, "Feed my lambs," it is of the greatest importance. Inasmuch as the committee on "The State of Church" has already covered the ground of our report, we briefly submit a statement of the degree of prosperity of our schools and societies by comparing the figures of last year with those of this year:

Last year (1911), 44 schools. This year (1912), 46 schools.

	LAST YEAR.	THIS YEAR.	INCREASE.
Benevolence	$1,110 89	$1,241 40	$130 51
Local objects	2,937 51	3,383 20	444 69
Scholars	4341	4296	
Officers and teachers	570	542	

Of Young People's Societies there are now 27; last year 21.

	LAST YEAR.	THIS YEAR.	INCREASE.
Members	689	687	
Local objects	$ 809 65	$ 485 17	$324 48
Benevolence	192 38	143 88	48 50

Your committee recommend—

First, that there be a more general observance of the forward movement in all our Sunday schools and Young People's Societies.

Second, that we urge upon all our pastors and superintendents the most careful consideration of the action of the General Synod, especially the new teacher training system.

The recommendations are most timely and should have the most

hearty support of every Sunday school in this Synod, for if carried out it cannot fail to result in more efficient Sunday-school work. Third, that our goal for the coming year be, "A Young People's Society in Every Congregation of this Synod."

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. BIXLER.
C. H. LEWIS.
G. W. SNYDER.

Minutes of the session were read and approved.
Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Lowe.

EVENING SERVICE.

FRIDAY, 8:00 P. M.

Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D., D. D., President of Midland College, was heard in an address on "Christian Education."

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCT. 12, 9 A. M.

The half-hour devotional service was led by Rev. H. C. Stafford, after which Synod was formally opened with prayer. Roll Call.

The report of the Trustees of Midland College was read by Rev. J. A. Lowe. Report was adopted.

Dr. Peery, President of Midland College, addressed Synod in his official capacity.

Rev. W. T. Kahse, Field Secretary of Midland College, also spoke in the interests of the college.

Report of Trustees to Midland College.

Your Trustees to Midland College take pleasure in reporting the good work of our institution during the past year and its auspicious outlook for the future. At the commencement in June there were eight students graduated from the college, one from the seminary and ten from the academy, crowning the successful work of the closing year.

A most interesting feature of that season was the Silver Jubilee Celebration, fittingly marking the completion of twenty-five years' steady life and growth of our college. Addresses were made by Mrs. H. E. Monroe, identified with earlier education in Atchison, and by Dr. M. Rhodes, President of the Board of Education.

The resignation of Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., took effect on the first of April, 1912, after he had served with all his energy and enthusiasm for almost eight years. Among the material monuments to his successful labors stands the beautiful Carnegie Library and Griffith Memorial Hall.

No more important duty devolved upon the Board of Trustees at its last meeting than that of filling the vacancies in the faculty. The election resulted in the choice of Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D., D. D., pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Denver, Col., as president of the college. Dr. Peery comes to this service in the prime of life, after years of successful work as missionary, lecturer and pastor. He is a graduate of Roanoke College, Salem, Va., from which he received the degrees of A. B. and A. M. The degree of Ph. D. was conferred by the University of Pennsylvania, and that of D. D. by Midland College. Great hopes are entertained that Dr. Peery will be able to rally the entire constituency of the college to its united and enthusiastic support and bring it to that enlarged usefulness which is already promised in its years of tenacious struggle and growth.

Dr. Herman J. Thorstenberg, who was elected to the chair of History, Education and Social Science, comes to us with the highest recommendations as teacher and scholar. Graduate of Bethany College, he received the degrees of A. M. and Ph. D. from Yale University. He has held positions in the University of Oklahoma and in Roanoke College, Salem, Va.

Rev. Horace Martin was elected principal of the academy. He is a graduate of our college and seminary. He was principal of high schools for two years, superintendent for two and a half years, and head of the commercial department of the Seattle High School for one year, and three years teacher in the religious education department of the University of Iowa. His equipment, experience and love for his own institution combine to give large promise of successful work in the academy.

In these and other new appointments a fine spirit of harmony and cordiality prevails among the trustees, faculty, student body and friends of the institution and we appear to be entering upon a new and larger life.

The autumn opening has been quite auspicious, with over one

hundred students in the regular college work and fourteen in the seminary.

The spirit of industry and ambition possesses the students in the opening of the year.

Two new and popular courses have been taken up, the commercial course and the domestic science course, which will doubtless increase the patronage and prestige of the institution.

In is the aim of the new administration to make this institution serve our church and people throughout the Middle West just as efficiently as possible, and in co-operation to attain this end your committee recommend the following:

First, that the Synod heartily endorse all the actions of the Board of Trustees, and that we give loyal support to the new administration.

Second, that we use all possible influence to have our Lutheran people and others to send their sons and daughters to Midland College.

Third, that we open the way for the financial agent to enter our congregations for the purpose of soliciting funds and publicly instructing our people in relation to our own educational work.

Fourth, that we recommend to the conferences of Synod to set apart a half day on their programs for the subject of education in our institutions at their annual meeting next spring.

J. A. LOWE.
JOS. H. MILLER.
G. W. LIVERS.
R. M. BADGER.

Rev. L. J. Powell was then heard in the interest of the work of the Deaconess Board.

On motion, Rev. Powell was appointed as the official representative of Synod on the Lutheran Church Work.

The Committee on Church Federation then reported. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Church Federation.

Considering the time opportune for closer and more sympathetic co-operative church fellowship, we greet with pleasure the proposal of the Nebraska Church Federation to assist that organization in the work of church federation.

This affiliation will make us auxiliary to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Already, by virtue of appointment, our Lutheran denomination is represented on the Executive Committee of the State Federation by Revs. L. P. Ludden and Fuller Bergstresser.

In order to practically assist the enterprise (not of church union, but of church federation), we agree to contribute our influence and available means to the work, and give assurance to Rev. F. P. Wigton, Executive Secretary, of our sympathy and desire to help.

Respectfully submitted,

FULLER BERGSTRESSER,
J. A. KOSER.

The Auditing Committee then made the following report which was adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Auditing Committee would report that we have examined the books of the Treasurer, comparing all receipts and vouchers, and find the same corrected, as follows:

Total receipts for the year	$7,011 53
Total disbursements and cash on hand	6,770 89
Balance	$ 240 64
Money received after books were closed last year to be deducted	205 37
Balance	$ 35 27

The habit of some of the brethren in turning moneys into the hands of the Treasurer after the closing of the books has caused not a little difficulty.

We recommend that all moneys received after five days before the meeting of Synod be credited to the following year.

L. J. POWELL.
J. F. SMITH.
F. S. CONANT.

The Committee on Doctrinal Basis reported through Dr. Baltzly. Report was adopted unanimously.

Report of the Committee on the Restatement of the Doctrinal Basis.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the proposed amendments of the constitution of the General Synod as follows:

(1) *First Amendment.* The insertion of a new article to be known as

ARTICLE II.

Doctrinal Basis.

With the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Fathers, the General Synod receives and holds the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and it receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrine of our Church as founded upon the Word.

(2) *Second Amendment.* The insertion of another new article, namely:

ARTICLE III.

The Secondary Symbols.

While the General Synod regards the Augsburg Confession as a sufficient and altogether adequate doctrinal basis for the co-operation of Lutheran Synods, it also recognizes the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the Small Catechism of Luther, the Large Catechism of Luther, and the Formula of Concord as expositions of Lutheran doctrine of great historical and interpretative value, and especially commends the Small Catechism as a book of instruction.

(3) *Third Amendment.* Change the number of the present Article II. to IV., strike out its third section, and substitute for it the following:

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 3. Any properly organized Lutheran Synod may be received into the General Synod at any meeting, provided it shall have adopted this Constitution with its Doctrinal Basis as set forth in Article II.

Respectfully submitted,

FULLER BERGSTRESSER.
OLIVER D. BALTZLY.
L. GROH.

The Committee on Western Conference then reported. Adopted.

Committee on Western Conference.

Your committee regrets to announce that owing to the scattered pastorates, and the excessive car-fare necessary in reaching any

designated meeting-place, the conference has held no sessions in recent years. A conference would be of advantage to the men and the churches in this territory, but if found impossible to get together we advise a division of the pastorates among the North Platte and South Platte conferences, and that the division be made by the officers of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
FULLER BERGSTRESSER.
S. H. YERIAN.
W. W. SENG.

The following report of the Committee on Excuses was read and on motion adopted.

Report of Committee on Excuses.

Letters have been received from the following brethren, and they ask that they be excused from Synod: Rev. W. F. Eyster, D. D., the godly and venerable father of Israel, Rev. J. F. Kuhlman, Rev. J. L. Hammond, Rev. W. G. Gettle, Rev. I. N. Augustine, Rev. Henry Heiner, Rev. E. Pfeiffer, Rev. E. Lee Fleck, Rev. Prof. J. H. Stough, Rev. L. M. Kuhns, and also lay delegates J. F. Wilhelmy and W. R. Sheppard.

Your Committee on Excuses recommends that these brethren be excused.

Respectfully,
S. W. YOUNG.
G. W. SNYDER.

The report of the Committee on South Platte Conference was read. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on South Platte Conference.

The committee appointed to report on the minutes of the Southern Conference beg leave to state that from a verbal report given, the conference met April 17-19 at York, Neb., Rev. R. A. White, pastor loci, and an interesting and profitable program was carried out.

We have nothing special to report to Synod claiming their attention.

Signed, S. L. KELLER.
O. D. BALTZLY.
M. D. BERG.

The Committee on President's Report then submitted the following report. Adopted.

Committee on President's Report.

The paper placed in the hands of your committee is the report of the President, containing a complete record of his official acts. We most heartily commend him for the diligence and faithfulness with which he discharged the duties of his office.

We therefore recommend the approval of his official acts.

We note with pleasure the evidences of progress and growth within the bounds of our Synod. Such matters as require the attention of the Synod have already been referred to their proper committees and will in due time come up for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. BIXLER.
S. L. KELLER.
R. A. WHITE.

Rev. L. P. Ludden made a verbal report relative to the map on the inside of the front cover of the official minutes.

The following motion was adopted:

Whereas, the opening devotional half-hour of the daily sessions of Synod are devoid of the interest and profit necessary to bring out a full attendance of the convention, therefore,

Resolved, That the position of Chaplain be created, whose duty it shall be to have individual charge of the prayer and praise half-hours of the convention, bringing the gist of his study in the exegesis of selected passages of scripture.

Resolved, That the incumbent for one year hence be named at this session of Synod.

The President appointed Rev. Fuller Bergstresser to act as Chaplain for the next session of Synod.

On motion, the Advisory Board of Home Missions were instructed to investigate the advisability of opening work in Hastings, Kearney, and Falls City.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. Baltzly:

Resolved, that this Synod of Nebraska co-operate with the Board of Home Missions in the matter of securing a synodical missionary according to the plan submitted by the Board of Home Missions as set forth in Appendix D, Minutes of General Synod, and in the accompanying circular of advice from the Home Mission Board.

The following resolution was then presented:

Whereas, in the judgment of this Synod the field in Omaha, which Brother Snyder is attempting to occupy, is larger than one man can successfully cover, be it

Resolved, That we recommend that Brother Snyder confine his work to the field on the South Side, and that a copy of this recommendation be forwarded to the Board of Home Missions.

A motion to lay the resolution on the table was offered, and the yeas and nays called for, resulting as follows: Yeas—Lipe, Snyder, Koser, Ludden, White, Livers, Woods, Berg, Wolfe, Conant, Ebright, Voss (12); Nays—Groh, Keller, Bixler, Bergstresser, Ringer, Yerian, Harmon, Richard, Powell, Baltzly, Stafford, Kahse, Lewis, Sparks, Seng, Smith, Culbertson, Koester, Dierking (19). Present but not voting, Bollinger, Klatt, Fischer.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Yerian. Original motion pending.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2:00 P. M.

After the opening prayer by Rev. Keller, the minutes of previous session were read and approved.

The motion pending at adjournment of the morning session was carried.

Dr. L. Groh, fraternal delegate to the German Nebraska Synod, made the following report, which was adopted.

Report of Fraternal Delegate to the German Nebraska Synod.

Your delegate would respectfully report:

That he visited the Synod meeting at Wisner, Neb., September 25; that he was received with fraternal cordiality; that he delivered his greetings, and that he found the brethren very prompt and active in the work. L. GROH.

The Calendar Committee then submitted its report which was adopted. (See Calendar on page 2.)

The Committee on State of the Church reported through Rev. White. Report was adopted.

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

We, your Committee on the State of the Church, desire to report as follows:

Judging from the reports of the pastors and officers of the Synod, we are gratified to be able to report that much good work has been done along all lines. We rejoice to note that there has been an increase in the communicant membership of the Synod.

Prayer-meeting—Some pastors report none; most of them report very small attendance; a very few report good prayer meetings. It is apparent to your committee that there is not as much attention paid to the duty of prayer as there should be. This is deplorable. The prayer service and the family altar are being neglected to an alarming extent.

The Lord's Supper—The Holy Communion is regularly administered by about all our pastors and generally well attended. This is as it should be.

Baptism—According to the reports of most pastors, our parents are generally faithful in presenting their children for baptism.

Catechization—Most of the pastors had classes, some large and flourishing; but nearly all report a lack of interest and find the work difficult. When children are presented in baptism the work should be followed up by parental instruction, so that early development of the spiritual life would result. It is the sad lack of this that accounts for so many of our baptized children being lost to the church.

There seems to be a growing spirit of missionary activity and beneficence in which we greatly rejoice.

We suggest that our pastors call atttention to the growing lack of family religion and urge the revival of the family altar.

We further suggest that the matter of catechization be strongly urged upon all parents and children of proper age.

We recommend a more thorough blank for the reports of this important subject.

R. A. WHITE.
L. GROH.
L. L. LIPE.

The Committee on Leave of Absence read the following report, which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence.

Your Committee on Leave of Absence would respectfully present the following:

Rev. R. M. Badger, pastor at Beatrice, requests leave from Synod

after noon on Saturday to hold the funeral service of a member of his congregation.

Dr. L. P. Ludden, D. D., requests leave from noon on Saturday.

Rev. H. C. Bixler desires to be excused after the evening session.

Rev. S. L. Keller, of Dakota City, this evening.

Also, the following lay delegates have requested leave from attending the further sessions of Synod:

Brother Fred C. J. Voss, of York.

Brother W. K. Krechman, of Davenport.

Brother G. A. Crannell, of Tekamah.

These brethren have presented sufficient reasons, and we therefore recommend that these brethren be excused, as requested.

M. E. BOLLINGER.
H. C. BIXLER.
L. A. DIERKING.

The Examining Committee presented its report which was adopted.

Report of Examining Committee.

Mr. Floyd Blessing, of the Western Theological Seminary, appeared before us. We examined him in the various branches required by the church and found him very satisfactory. We recommend that he be licensed on Sunday evening.

L. GROH.
J. A. LOWE.
G. W. LIVERS.
R. A. WHITE.
J. A. KOSER.

The report of the Committee on North Platte Conference was read, and on motion adopted.

Committee on North Platte Conference.

Your Committee on North Platte Conference report that we have carefully examined the minutes of conference and find that an interesting and profitable meeting was held at Dakota City May 21-23, 1912, Rev. S. L. Keller, pastor. A good attendance is reported.

We find nothing in the minutes that call for the consideration of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. WOLFE.
FRED C. J. VOSS.
G. KLATT.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was then presented and adopted.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

The work of this committee has largely fallen to one member of the committee.

We ordered 13,000 benevolence envelopes and 1,000 excess envelopes shortly after the close of Synod. Later Kountze Memorial, Omaha, asked for 1,500 envelopes.

OSCAR WOODS.
H. A. WOLFE.

The following resolution was presented and on motion was adopted:

Resolved, That the declaration of the General Synod concerning clergymen who have retired from the active ministry and have entered secular business, be the declaration of this Synod, and that any minister of this Synod under 55 who comes under this declaration be requested to comply with it.

On motion, the election of Delegates to General Synod was made a special order immediately after the Preparatory Service.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of Synod for Fuller Bergstresser and J. H. Humpe as Trustees of Tabitha Home.

On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot of Synod for Geo. W. Livers and W. H. Hogrefe as Trustees for Midland College, term expiring 1915.

On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot of Synod for Rev. J. A. Koser for Director of Nachusa Orphanage.

Moved and carried that Rev. Gustave Klatt be the fraternal delegate to the German Nebraska Synod.

An invitation was then extended by Rev. L. J. Powell, on behalf of the congregation at West Point to hold the next convention of Synod at that place. The invitation, on motion, was accepted.

On motion, the time specified was Oct. 8-12, 1913.

It was moved and carried that the Synodical year close

September 30th, and that this date be printed on the Benevolence Envelopes.

Synod took a recess at 3:30 p. m. for the Preparatory Service which was in charge of Rev. M. E. Bollinger.

Immediately after the Preparatory Service, Synod proceeded to the election of delegates to General Synod. The balloting resulted as follows:

Clerical Delegates.

PRINCIPAL.	ALTERNATE.
Rev. J. A. Koser,	Rev. C. J. Ringer
Fuller Bergstresser	Luther P. Ludden
C. B. Harman	S. H. Yerian
Chas. H. Lewis	J. H. Richard
J. A. Lowe	O. D. Baltzly

Lay Delegates.

Harry Fischer, *Omaha*	C. C. Hansen, *Grand Island*
J. F. Smith, *Omaha*	A. L. Krause, *West Point*
Wm. Ebright, *North Platte.*	J. H. Humpe, *Lincoln*
W. W. Seng, *McCool Junc.*	Schultz, *Potter*
F. S. Conant, *Benedict.*	Jacob Gehrig, *Benson*

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Rev. Wolfe, and on motion item 6 was considered first.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Whereas, we have been in convention assembled for the past several days, and have heard splendid reports from the representatives of our church, be it, therefore, resolved—

1. That we have heard with pleasure and interest the reports from the various representatives of our church, and we assure them of our continued confidence.

2. That we have heard with pleasure the report of the Trustees of Midland College, and also the special representatives, Dr. Peery and Rev. Kahse, heartily recommending to the congregations the resolutions of the Board of Trustees.

3. That we ask for a Sunday in May for the pastors to preach on the subject of Christian Education, calling special attention to our institutions at Atchison, Kan.

4. That we continue our position in regard to the important question of temperance and use our influence to drive the business of the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage from the land.

5. That the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society be given the privilege of printing their minutes with the Synodical minutes, and that 1,000 copies of the minutes be printed, a sufficient number of which shall be placed at the disposal of the Synodical Missionary Society.

6. That we heartily endorse the official organ of the General Synod, *The Lutheran Church Work,* heartily recommending it to our constituency.

7. That we view with pleasure the prospects of a Synodical Missionary, and ask the hearty financial support of the congregations.

8. That the sincere thanks of the Synod be extended to the pastor, the Lutheran people of North Platte, for their generous hospitality to the brotherhood for their special efforts to make our stay pleasant, to the choir for their excellent music, and that the President of Synod give public expression of the same at the close of the Sunday services. Respectfully submitted,

S. H. YERIAN.
W. T. KAHSE.
H. A. WOLFE.

Item 6 was adopted.

Report was adopted as a whole.

On motion, the delegates to General Synod were given definite instruction as to their vote on reported division of Home Mission territory.

On motion, Synod took a recess of an hour for supper.

After recess, on motion the President was authorized to appoint at the close of Synod the Committee on State of the Church, said committee to report at next session of Synod.

On motion, authority was given to prepare a new form for Report on the State of the Church, similar in content to the form used in the Wittenberg Synod.

On motion, item 6 of the report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was reconsidered, and after further discussion said item was rejected.

On motion, the Treasurer of Synod was authorized to refund contributions made at last session of Synod for the

special support of a student for the ministry, inasmuch as fund raised was not called for.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the janitor $5.00 for his services.

Rev. O. D. Baltzly filed the notice for the following amendment to the Constitution: Article V, Section 9 to be so amended as to include among the Standing Committees, the Committee on State of the Church, said Committee to be taken from the list of Special Committees.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the Secretary $15.00 for his services.

Moved and carried that Synod be adjourned at the close of the Sunday evening service.

Minutes of the session were read and approved.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Berg.

EVENING SERVICE.

SATURDAY, 8:00 P. M.

Rev. J. A. Koser, gave the address of the evening on "The Lutheran and His Bible," text: Jas. 1: 22.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

OCTOBER 13, 10:30 A. M.

The Communion Sermon was delivered by Rev. L. Groh, D. D., of Omaha, after which the Holy Communion was administered to all members of Synod and to such other members of the local church as desired it.

SUNDAY, 8:00 P. M.

The Ordination Sermon was delivered by Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, of Lincoln, after which Floyd E. Blessing was licensed to preach and perform all other regular ministerial duties for one year.

Synod then adjourned to meet at West Point, Oct. 8, 1913.

CHAS. H. B. LEWIS, Secretary.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

	Number of Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Synodical Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	Midland Library Endowment.	Totals.
Per Member	....	$0 03	$0 12	$0 20	$0 35	$0 30	$0 20	$0 20	$0 25	$0 10	$0 10	$0 05	$0 03	$0 07	$2 00
Allen	80	2 40	9 60	16 00	28 00	24 00	16 00	16 00	20 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	2 40	5 60	160 00
Auburn	65	1 95	7 80	13 00	22 75	19 50	13 00	13 00	16 25	6 50	6 50	3 25	1 95	4 55	130 00
Beatrice	200	6 00	24 00	40 00	70 00	60 00	40 00	40 00	50 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	6 00	14 00	400 00
Benedict, Bethel	36	1 08	4 32	7 20	12 60	10 80	7 20	7 20	9 00	3 60	3 60	1 80	1 08	2 52	72 00
Benedict, Zion	74	2 22	8 88	14 80	25 90	22 20	14 80	14 80	18 50	7 40	7 40	3 70	2 22	5 18	148 00
Benson	59	6 23	38 92	11 80	20 65	17 70	11 80	11 80	14 75	5 90	5 90	2 95	1 77	4 13	154 30
Bruning	83	3 77	28 91	16 60	29 05	24 90	16 60	16 60	20 75	8 30	8 30	4 15	2 49	5 81	186 23
Dakota, Emanuel	26	78	3 12	5 20	9 10	7 80	5 20	5 20	6 50	2 60	2 60	1 30	78	1 82	52 00
Dakota, Salem	85	2 55	10 20	17 00	29 75	25 50	17 00	17 00	21 25	8 50	8 50	4 25	2 55	5 95	170 00
Davenport	84	5 01	13 38	16 80	29 40	25 20	16 80	16 80	21 00	8 40	8 40	4 20	2 52	5 88	173 79
Emerson, St. Luke's	47	1 41	5 64	9 40	16 45	14 10	9 40	9 40	11 75	4 70	4 70	2 35	1 41	3 29	94 00
Ericson	17	51	2 04	3 40	5 95	5 10	3 40	3 40	4 25	1 70	1 70	85	51	1 19	34 00
Grand Island	153	4 59	18 36	30 60	53 55	45 90	30 60	30 60	38 25	15 30	15 30	7 65	4 59	10 71	306 00
Hardy, St. Paul's	85	2 55	10 20	17 00	29 75	25 50	17 00	17 00	21 25	8 50	8 50	4 25	2 55	5 95	170 00
Hardy, Jewell	22	66	2 64	4 40	7 70	6 60	4 40	4 40	5 50	2 20	2 20	1 10	66	1 54	44 00
Homer, St. Paul's	32	96	3 84	6 40	11 20	9 60	6 40	6 40	8 00	3 20	3 20	1 60	96	2 24	64 00
Hubbard, Trinity	30	90	3 60	6 00	10 50	9 00	6 00	6 00	7 50	3 00	3 00	1 50	90	2 10	60 00
Hendley	15	1 14	6 78	3 00	5 25	4 50	3 00	3 00	3 75	1 50	1 50	75	45	1 05	35 67
Lewellen, Grace	43	2 37	14 78	8 60	15 05	12 90	8 60	8 60	10 75	4 30	4 30	2 15	1 29	3 01	96 70
Lincoln, Grace	180	5 40	21 60	36 00	63 00	54 00	36 00	36 00	45 00	18 00	18 00	9 00	5 40	12 60	360 00
Lincoln, St. John's	62	1 86	7 44	12 40	21 70	18 60	12 40	12 40	15 50	6 20	6 20	3 10	1 86	4 34	124 00
McCool Junction	79	2 37	9 48	15 80	27 65	23 70	15 80	15 80	19 75	7 90	7 90	3 95	2 37	5 53	158 00
Nebraska City	75	3 25	9 00	15 00	26 25	22 50	15 00	15 00	18 75	7 50	7 50	3 75	2 25	5 25	151 00
North Platte	180	5 40	21 60	36 00	63 00	54 00	36 00	36 00	45 00	18 00	18 00	9 00	5 40	12 60	360 00
Omaha, Kountze Mem.	650	19 50	78 00	130 00	227 50	195 00	130 00	130 00	162 50	65 00	65 00	32 50	19 50	45 50	1300 00
Omaha, St. Mark's	125	3 75	15 00	25 00	43 75	37 50	25 00	25 00	31 25	12 50	12 50	6 25	3 75	8 75	250 00

Report of Committee on Apportionment—Continued.

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Omaha, Grace	93	2 79	11 16	18 60	32 55	27 90	18 60	18 60	23 25	9 30	9 30	4 65	2 79	6 51	186 00
Omaha, St. Matthew's	40	1 80	6 80	8 00	14 00	12 00	8 00	8 00	10 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 20	2 80	82 60
Orleans	10	30	1 52	2 00	3 50	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	50	30	70	20 32
Oshkosh, St. Mark's	26	1 62	5 92	5 20	9 10	7 80	5 20	5 20	6 50	2 60	2 60	1 30	78	1 82	55 64
Pawnee, Zion	13	39	1 56	2 60	4 55	3 90	2 60	2 60	3 25	1 30	1 30	65	39	91	26 00
Ponca	127	3 81	15 24	25 40	44 45	38 10	25 40	25 40	31 75	12 70	12 70	6 35	3 81	8 89	254 00
Potter	40	1 20	4 80	8 00	14 00	12 00	8 00	8 00	10 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 20	2 80	80 00
Paxton	42	1 26	5 04	8 40	14 70	12 60	8 40	8 40	10 50	4 20	4 20	2 10	1 26	2 94	84 00
Rising City	67	2 01	8 04	13 40	23 45	20 10	13 40	13 40	16 75	6 70	6 70	3 35	2 01	4 69	134 00
Roca	14	84	3 08	2 80	4 90	4 20	2 80	2 80	3 50	1 40	1 40	70	42	98	29 82
Sidney	26	78	3 12	5 20	9 10	7 80	5 20	5 20	6 50	2 60	2 60	1 30	78	1 82	52 00
South Omaha	129	3 87	15 48	25 80	45 15	38 70	25 80	25 80	32 25	12 90	12 90	6 45	3 87	9 03	258 00
Stella	70	2 10	8 40	14 00	24 50	21 00	14 00	14 00	17 50	7 00	7 00	3 50	2 10	4 90	140 00
Stamford	71	2 32	26 88	14 20	24 85	21 30	14 20	14 20	17 75	7 10	7 10	3 55	2 13	4 97	160 55
Surprise, Zion	28	84	3 36	5 60	9 80	8 40	5 60	5 60	7 00	2 80	2 80	1 40	84	1 96	56 00
Sutherland	29	87	3 48	5 80	10 15	8 70	5 80	5 80	7 25	2 90	2 90	1 45	87	2 03	58 00
South Sioux	20	60	2 40	4 00	7 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	60	1 40	40 00
Tekamah, Emanuel	24	72	2 88	4 80	8 40	7 20	4 80	4 80	6 00	2 40	2 40	1 20	72	1 68	48 00
Tekamah, Grace	25	1 44	5 30	5 00	8 75	7 50	5 00	5 00	6 25	2 50	2 50	1 25	75	1 75	52 99
Waverly	25	75	3 00	5 00	8 75	7 50	5 00	5 00	6 25	2 50	2 50	1 25	75	1 75	50 00
Wayne, St. Paul's	89	5 07	10 68	17 80	31 15	26 70	17 80	17 80	22 25	8 90	8 90	4 45	2 67	6 23	180 40
West Point	215	6 45	25 80	43 00	75 25	64 50	43 00	43 00	53 75	21 50	21 50	10 75	6 45	15 05	430 00
Wilber	43	1 29	5 16	8 60	15 05	12 90	8 60	8 60	10 75	4 30	4 30	2 15	1 29	3 01	86 00
Wolbach, Trinity	60	1 80	9 92	12 00	21 00	18 00	12 00	12 00	15 00	6 00	6 00	3 60	1 80	4 20	122 72
York	42	1 26	9 34	8 40	14 70	12 60	8 40	8 40	10 50	4 20	4 20	2 10	1 26	2 94	88 30
Yutan	12	36	1 44	2 40	4 20	3 60	2 40	2 40	3 00	1 20	1 20	60	36	84	24 00
Totals	3967	135 15	578 93	793 40	1388 45	1190 10	793 40	793 40	991 75	396 70	396 70	198 35	119 01	277 69	8053 03

J. H. RICHARD, M. D. BERG, WM. EBRIGHT, *Committee.*

Parochial Report of the Nebraska Synod.

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1	Sparks, C. E.	Auburn	St. Paul's	1	..	2	1	12	2	1	...	1	6	5	1	8	65	98	127	$ 6000 00	.....	$ 870 00	$200 00
2	Badger, R. M.	Beatrice	Trinity	1	..	3	..	13	4	9	2	5	3	11	3	16	200	240	275	15000 00	.....	1699 36	.....
3	Livers, G. W.	Benedict	Bethel	1	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	...	36	38	47	2000 00	.....	424 49	.....
4			Zion	1	..	..	..	...	2	3	2	2	4	1	8	...	74	79	83	4000 00	.....	894 80	.....
5	Ringer, C. J.	Benson	1st Eng. Ev. Luth	1	..	..	..	...	..	..	44	1	...	...	5	...	59	86	106	10000 00	4000 00	571 00	690 00
6	Bixler, H. C.	Bruning	First English	1	..	..	..	18	..	2	4	8	...	9	...	4	83	83	108	1000 00	.....	890 00	570 00
7	Young, S. W.	Davenport	Christ	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	...	2	...	...	...	...	84	102	127	4000 00	.....	611 00	.....
8	Keller, S. L.	Dakota City	Emmanuel	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	...	1	1	4	1	...	26	65	94	1850 00	.....	313 36	67 35
9			Salem	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	...	5	2	3	...	...	85	190	225	4265 00	.....	688 46	160 00
10	Lipe, L. L.	Grand Island	St. Paul's Eng.	1	..	2	1	8	..	..	20	18	1	7	...	...	153	275	400	12000 00	800 00	1360 00	3800 00
11	Vacant	Hardy	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	112	134	10000 00	.....	.....	.....
12			Jewell	1	..	..	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	31	34	2000 00	.....	.....	.....
13	Sorenson, John	Homer	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	18	1	..	...	3	...	...	...	...	32	47	83	2900 00	.....	226 50	.....
14	Bergstresser, Fuller	Lincoln	Grace	1	..	2	..	40	..	6	14	5	2	3	3	17	180	250	350	18000 00	.....	3500 00	.....
15	*Pfeiffer, E.	Lincoln	St. John's	1	..	..	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	62	62	8000 00	.....	.....	.....
16	Richard, J. H.	McCool Junc.	First	1	..	1	..	14	..	2	...	6	3	12	1	1	79	100	150	6000 00	.....	1220 95	.....
17	Harman, C. B.	North Platte	First	1	..	2	0	30	2	6	7	16	3	7	2	8	180	292	420	14000 00	1300 00	1441 82	600 00
18	Koser, J. A.	Nebraska City	First	1	..	2	..	10	6	5	6	8	...	...	...	...	75	124	153	4000 00	.....	1110 00	.....
19	Baltzly, O. D., Ph. D.	Omaha	Kountze Mem.	1	..	..	..	178	6	19	35	59	47	98	48	112	650	1063	1200	175000 00	6000 00	8162 15	690 00
20	Groh, L., D. D.	Omaha	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	22	1	6	26	14	2	20	3	1	125	179	220	20000 00	2000 00	1500 00	1300 00
21	Vacant	Omaha	Grace	1	..	..	..	6	..	11	10	2	...	5	2	...	93	144	190	12000 00	3100 00	799 25	125 00
22	Snyder, G. W.	Omaha	St. Matthew's	1	1	3	..	7	2	..	...	17	...	5	...	11	40	36	150	2000 00	1375 00	743 84	125 00
23	Woods, Oscar	Oshkosh	St. Mark's	1	..	..	..	4	..	2	2	5	2	...	...	...	26	26	42	2800 00	.....	16 48	.....
24		Lewellen	Grace	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	...	5	1	5	1	...	43	43	75	.....	.....	260 00	.....

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1	1	11	59	$ 50 00	$ 47 38	2	22	$ 5 00	$ 4 00	$1 65	$ 5 50	$ 43 85	$20 50	$11 00	$14 60	$15 00	$ 4 00	$ 5 50	$ 6 00	$ 8 00	$ 2 75	$18 91	$ 7 85	$155 11	$1225 11
2	1	20	165	103 67	54 40	2	50	39 04	4 07	5 46	18 20	63 70	54 60	36 40	36 40	36 40	45 58	12 74	6 55	.....	9 10	10 00	85 54	420 67	2120 03
3	1	8	61	32 64	4 34	..	..	.....	.....	99	3 30	11 55	9 90	6 60	6 60	6 60	.....	2 31	1 65	3 30	1 65	2 69	21 81	78 95	503 44
4	1	15	117	48 34	15 73	..	..	.....	.....	2 04	6 80	23 80	7 84	13 60	13 60	13 60	.....	2 30	2 38	.....	.....	7 75	18 49	112 20	1007 00
5	1	12	130	114 70	13 00	1	15	89 00	.....	6 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	2 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	27 05	1288 05
6	1	14	103	89 00	14 00	..	..	.....	.....	1 00	2 50	19 25	5 00	5 00	2 00	4 00	3 50	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	8 00	30 00	83 25	1543 25
7	1	18	138	85 00	2 00	1	48	15 00	5 00	.....	5 00	15 00	11 00	10 00	.....	.....	27 05	.....	5 50	.....	.....	3 00	.....	49 50	659 50
8	1	9	50	56 75	20 94	..	..	.....	.....	.....	10 50	9 44	6 30	10 24	8 67	4 20	19 95	1 47	6 61	.....	1 05	2 26	5 00	86 32	467 03
9	1	8	71	24 60	34 52	..	..	.....	.....	4 03	7 90	45 49	33 99	18 80	15 80	15 80	.....	5 53	7 22	3 00	3 95	5 50	30 47	180 63	1030 56
10	1	15	125	140 00	35 00	1	10	20 00	5 00	4 95	16 50	10 00	10 00	12 91	10 00	33 00	.....	11 55	.....	.....	8 35	4 95	111 00	232 21	5393 21
11	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	2 55	8 56	8 22	25 50	17 00	17 00	22 00	.....	5 95	.....	.....	4 25	.....	10 10	166 02	166 02
12	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	66	2 20	7 70	6 60	4 50	4 40	4 40	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	75	11 66	43 87	43 87
13	1	8	40	24 00	.....	1	22	2 50	.....	99	3 30	11 55	9 90	6 60	6 60	6 60	.....	2 31	.....	.....	1 65	99	15 31	66 00	292 50
14	1	40	300	480 00	200 00	1	50	60 00	25 00	5 25	17 50	61 25	52 50	25 00	35 00	35 00	68 90	13 00	5 00	10 00	8 75	5 50	175 00	523 75	4023 75
15	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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17	1	15	225	94 77	111 98	1	25	3 50	.....	5 25	17 50	61 50	71 25	35 00	35 00	35 00	77 70	12 50	.....	.....	9 00	21 00	70 00	450 70	2492 52
18	1	12	115	50 00	8 36	1	20	60 00	10 00	3 71	9 20	23 22	36 71	18 40	18 40	18 40	31 00	6 44	.....	.....	4 60	2 76	36 00	210 34	1320 34
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20	1	26	282	285 00	50 00	1	32	34 00	42 00	3 84	12 80	44 80	74 40	25 60	25 68	25 60	.....	8 96	.....	10 00	6 40	3 84	370 16	612 00	3412 00
21	1	11	70	94 25	45 00	1	40	10 00	.....	3 21	6 55	40 20	32 10	21 40	21 30	.....	.....	5 64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120 40	1054 65
22	2	12	168	53 48	27 26	1	7	11 98	3 65	60	2 00	6 53	4 50	4 00	3 61	2 55	14 67	.....	4 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	43 48	912 32
23	1	6	45	16 48	.....	..	..	.....	.....	84	2 80	8 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	.....	2 80	.....	5 00	.....	1 28	8 17	44 89	61 37
24	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	1 08	9 60	8 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	7 60	.....	3 60	.....	5 00	.....	2 00	2 00	46 28	306 28

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25	Lewis, Chas. H.	Ponca	Salem	1	..	1	1	24	1	7	25	5	13	17	8	5	127	161	206	10000 00	.....	990 17	382 95
26	Lewis, C. H. (Sup.)	Allen	First	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	4	...	1	75	80	80	107	7000 00	.....	100 27	.....
27	Vacant	Pawnee	First	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	39	56	2500 00	.....	.....	.....
28			Zion	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	...	3	3	...	13	13	14	3000 00	.....	125 00	300 00
29	Vacant	Potter	First Lutheran	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	68	75	3300 00	300 00	.....	.....
30	Stafford, H. C.	Surprise	First	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	8	28	38	42	2500 00	.....	222 00	113 00
31		Kissing City	Zion	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	4	9	3	4	67	79	93	6000 00	.....	850 00	15 00
32	Vacant	Roca	Zion	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
33	Berg, M. D.	Sidney	Trinity	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	23	1	...	...	1	...	26	68	131	6000 00	.....	657 32	275 00
34	Sorenson, J.	Sioux	Grace	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	...	...	2	...	20	41	62	2100 00	.....	78 00	.....
35		Hubbard	Trinity	1	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	6	...	...	6	...	30	46	62	2000 00	.....	135 00	.....
36	Yerian, S. H., Ph. D.	South Omaha	St. Luke's	1	..	1	..	40	..	4	22	13	11	41	1	25	129	242	333	12000 00	4500 00	1150 00	1250 00
37	Wolfe, H. A.	Stella	Trinity	1	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	1	3	3	2	...	70	95	127	5000 00	.....	800 00	159 00
38	Bollinger, M. E.	Sutherland	Grace	1	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	5	...	...	...	...	29	50	70	2800 00	620 00	298 00	.....
39		Paxton	Holy Trinity	1	..	..	..	6	2	1	...	5	...	3	...	...	42	64	106	2275 00	166 00	398 00	.....
40		Stamford	Trinity	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	6	...	...	1	...	71	122	220	3000 00	.....	380 00	10 00
41	Klatt, Gustav	Hendley	Christ	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	...	...	...	...	15	25	45	.....	.....	.....	.....
42		Orleans	St. Paul's	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	34	50	.....	.....	40 00	.....
43	Buelow, P. A.	Tekamah	Immanuel	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	...	1	...	...	24	29	39	3500 00	.....	566 00	25 00
44			Grace	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	...	...	2	...	25	25	31	2500 00	.....	225 00	.....
45	Powell, L. J.	West Point	Grace	1	..	1	..	23	1	6	10	8	6	17	7	8	215	273	408	8500 00	.....	1220 00	.....
46	Vacant	Emerson	St. Luke's	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	11	...	18	...	29	47	47	58	.....	.....	215 00	.....
47		Wayne	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	11	...	9	...	...	89	133	171	8000 00	.....	650 00	62 00

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28	1	19	135	77 22	27 56	..	...	.....	.....	2 55	42 50	29 75	55 50	17 00	17 52	17 00	43 80	5 95	.....	4 00	4 25	10 36	5 95	256 13	1629 25
29	1	18	138	7 83	.....	..	...	.....	.....	57	9 50	6 65	5 70	3 80	3 80	3 80	.....	1 26	75	41	95	57	1 26	39 02	139 29
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29	...	...	...	.....	.....	..	...	.....	.....	1 25	4 00	13 00	7 50	8 00	9 30	8 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	53 90	53 90
30	1	6	28	21 36	15 00	1	10	.....	.....	45	1 50	11 20	26 25	5 15	14 38	8 00	.....	3 95	10 00	3 75	7 75	10 17	37 05	139 60	474 60
31	1	...	106	102 00	30 00	2	42	8 00	2 00	1 56	5 50	18 20	15 60	10 40	11 25	10 40	143 42	3 64	.....	2 00	2 60	21 56	19 07	270 27	1135 60
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33	1	8	65	65 42	17 98	1	10	.....	.....	1 50	5 00	17 50	11 55	9 98	5 00	5 00	.....	3 50	.....	.....	2 50	1 50	6 00	69 03	1001 35
34	1	10	62	25 00	.....	1	22	3 00	.....	90	7 02	6 30	80	3 60	3 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 88	36 00	114 00
35	1	6	40	14 00	.....	..	...	.....	.....	72	9 36	.....	.....	.....	3 92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	24 00	169 00
36	1	23	195	190 00	35 00	..	...	.....	.....	3 00	50 00	35 00	30 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	8 00	7 00	.....	.....	5 00	3 00	7 00	208 00	2608 00
37	1	12	68	28 00	20 00	..	...	.....	.....	1 86	6 20	21 70	18 60	12 40	12 40	12 40	.....	4 34	.....	.....	3 10	11 99	29 14	134 04	1093 04
38	1	6	44	14 00	2 00	..	...	.....	.....	80	3 00	16 00	8 61	4 00	3 00	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 41	340 41
39	1	5	40	14 00	4 80	..	...	.....	.....	1 30	4 20	26 75	11 40	5 00	5 00	7 40	.....	2 94	.....	.....	.....	1 10	.....	65 09	463 09
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41	...	...	...	.....	.....	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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46	1	6	70	15 00	7 60	1	18	.....	.....	.....	18 45	6 02	8 60	7 00	5 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 27	.....	65 45	280 45
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48	Lowe, J. A.	Wilber	First Ev. Luth.	1	..	1	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	43	45	55	3500 00	.....	450 00	90 00
49	Vacant	Wolbach Ericson	Trinity First Lutheran	1 1	..	..	1	14	..	..	..	2	..	14	..	..	60 17	89 26	103 29	4000 00 12 00	.....	380 00 52 00	.....
50	Fleck, E. Lee	Waverly Yutan	Trinity Zion	1 1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1 2	..	..	1	..	..	25 12	....	....	3500 00 2600 00	280 00	350 00 110 00	680 00 121 00
51	White, R. A.	York	First	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	..	1	2	42	58	75	8000 00	1400 00	272 66	216 30
52	Ludden, L. P., D. D.			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
53	Kuhns, L. M.			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
54	Ludwig, A. T.			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
55	Eyster, W. F., D. D.			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
56	Augustine, I. N.			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
57	Foulk, D. Z.			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
58	Gettle, W. G.			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
59	Total for 1912			51	6	28	4	567	41	92	264	200	119	135	117	334	3967	5754	7623	440790 00	25841 00	38017 88	12026 60
60	Total for 1911			48	13	31	4	455	40	83	296	228	62	290	73	87	3392	5160	6791	421150 00	22395 00	34573 38	8708 80
61	Increase			3	..	..	..	12	1	9	..	..	57	..	44	247	575	594	832	19640 00	3446 00	3444 50	3317 80
62	Decrease			..	7	3	..	..	..	..	32	28	..	165	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION.

West Point, Oct. 7-9, 1913.

MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-second Annual Convention

OF THE

Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

NEBRASKA.

The thirty-second annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska, assembled in the Lutheran Church of North Platte, Rev. C. B. Harman, pastor, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 8, 1912.

After the praise service conducted by the pastor, a hearty welcome was extended to the delegates by Mrs. C. B. Harman, which was responded to by the President Miss Matie Martin.

The President then gave her address, which was most favorably received.

President's Address.

Greetings to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church in Nebraska:

"They are passing away, these sweet bright years,
Like leaves on the current cast,
And we watch them as one by one they go
Into the beautiful past."

Thirty-two of these sweet, bright years have passed in the history of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in Nebraska, and as we gather here in our thirty-second annual convention we thank God for lives and work of the women who have helped to make up the beautiful past in the history of our society. They have been the women who realized that religion has two parts, "My Master and my brother."

"How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good cheer!" While much of the good accomplished by our women is known to us, much is not known. Who would presume to measure the beautiful strength which has come into some women's lives because in the auxiliary society or Synodical convention they have been able to take some part which they never supposed they could perform? Who can fathom the beautiful love for humanity implanted in some women's hearts when they learned of the needs of the less favored of God's people? Who can tell the beautiful joy that has filled the hearts and lives of our women in the thought that they have been instrumental in imparting joy to others by their teaching and giving? What beautiful peace has come to all of us who seek to push forward the work in the thought that we are not disobedient to the command "Go ye!"

Although many opportunities were lost, surely the past has been beautiful, but we look back only for the purpose of gaining encouragement and experience for greater and more efficient work. We live and have our duties and responsibilities in today and because we feel the one thing needful, for a few women trying to carry on this work against indifference, and sometimes opposition, is courage, we have chosen this as the watchword and theme of our convention. It takes more courage to *live in* duty than to *die for* duty. "Many a man that would dare the cannon's mouth fails of that high courage that is needed to meet daily martyrdom." It takes courage to face the duties of our everyday lives. It takes courage for a few women to keep the missionary society going when so many are not in sympathy, and so the highest aim of this convention, we hope, will be to send you home encouraged and reassured that God is with you in your work, though no drum beats as you go out into your daily battlefields. Your President asked that you come to the convention fired by that ninth verse of the first chapter of Joshua, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." The words of Maltbie Babcock in this verse are good for us to recall often in our work:

"Be strong!—we are not here to play, to dream, to drift;
We have hard work to do and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle, face it! 'tis God's gift."

How we minimize our gift of God! Why do we not magnify and dignify our part in the Master's vineyard? Jesus said to the twelve, "As ye go, preach." Theirs was to be the home field. Everywhere there is precious fruit and golden opportunities to serve. None of us shall be able to say the field was too distant, consequently we had no opportunity. We cannot sit at meals with our own family, walk along the street, or pursue our daily task, without passing the great harvestfield. Haven't we all heard persons say, "I always wanted to be a missionary." How we forget that we all are, or ought to be, missionaries! "If the world is ever conquered for our Lord it is not by ministers, nor by office-bearers, nor by the great and noble and mighty; but by every member of Christ's body being a working member; doing his work; filling his own sphere; holding his own post, and saying to Jesus, "Lord, what will thou have me to do?" Dr. Grenfel was asked by a lady at a dinner given in his honor: "Is it true you are a missionary?" His reply was: "Isn't it true that you are?"

Too often we overlook the little things in life in our eagerness to do something great. Adolph Monod says, "Between the great things that we can not do and the small things that we will not do, the great danger is, we shall do nothing."

Let us remember that life is all great. Life is great because it is the aggregation of littles, and if we are not faithful in that which is least, we shall be unfaithful in the whole.

Your President wishes to express her appreciation to the auxiliaries for their cheering letters and words of encouragement. They have meant much to one who felt a heavy responsibility in her office.

Since our last convention God has called from the field of labor some of His faithful toilers.

Mrs. Olivia Pelle, of Kountze Memorial Society, and a life member, passed away only a few weeks after the convention. Her daughter has made her a memorial member.

Mrs. Susan Harden, of Beatrice, also a life member, went to her reward after a long and useful life.

Mrs. J. A. Lowe, former President of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Nebraska, after a prolonged illness found rest, passing away June 4th.

These all had toiled and sacrificed for their Master in the earlier years of life and were ready to answer the call to rest.

After the burden and heat of the day,
The starry calm of night,
After the rough and toilsome way,
A sleep in the robe of white;
Oh, sweet is the slumber wherewith the king
Hath caused the weary to rest;
For, sleeping, they hear the angels sing,
They lean on the Master's breast.

The action taken by the convention last year regarding the new mission in Nebraska toward which we pledged to pay annually $200, is set aside, as the General Executive Committee is not in a position financially to undertake the new mission, but if there is a mission in Nebraska Synod which could be cared for for the amount pledged by our Synodical Society, the committee would be glad to take up the matter with the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension, and upon their approval assume the mission as a Woman's Mission, understanding that such action does not involve expenditures over and above the $200 pledged. This leaves us without a special object toward which our women planned.

The resolution passed at the general convention, that each Synodical society have a field secretary who shall continuously endeavor to further organization in her Synodical district, and also to co-operate with the general field secretary in Synodical field work, has not been taken up by our society. If we could make a field secretary our special object, it would no doubt mean much to our work in Nebraska.

We report, with regret, no increase in membership and magazine subscriptions, although the campaign was prolonged and urged. We hope the reason is that the auxiliaries have already secured every available member in their congregation.

Three woman's societies are reported for the year, one at Surprise, with a membership of 14; one organized at Stamford with five members and one at Stella with a membership of ten. How glad we are to welcome these new societies! May the efforts of those instrumental in perfecting the organizations be blessed abundantly by God.

A Mission Band was organized at Rising with a membership of 30. We are especially glad to hear of the organization where the children receive missionary instruction. Are we carefull enough about the children? Dr. Downey, in his talks on Sunday-school work, says that the greatest waste in the world today is the waste of child welfare. Isn't it true of us in our missionary efforts? If we look after the missionary instruction of the children, the Young Peo-

ple's Society and the Woman's Society will be supplied with efficient workers. Children are anxious to do something for Christ, so let us gather them into bands and give them practical lessons in missionary work. Religion is action. Let us teach them that the acts of the apostles are going on every day and they have a part in them.

In our Thank-offering the plan used by the Pittsburgh Synod is recommended to us. The Synodical Thank-offering secretary orders all the supplies she thinks can be used in her Synod, these consisting of programs for Thank-offering service, and other supplies are sent direct from Baltimore to the place of the annual convention, where they are given to the delegates, the Synodical Society paying the bill. In this way the Thank-offering secretary knows that all are supplied and no question raised in the local societies as to the need of making use of special program. The program for 1912 is a splendid service, entitled, "Praise and Privilege." Let us indeed praise Him for our many privileges in our Thank-offering this year.

November 17-24 is Home Mission week throughout the land. It is being planned by the Home Mission Boards of twenty-two denominations and by the Council of Women for Home Missions, representing nine denominations. We would inpress upon Lutheran women the fact that we have a vital part in making Home Mission week a time of arousement and help. Let us approach this season with sincere, definite prayer.

We are privileged this year in having one of our representatives of the foreign field with us. When our missionaries present to us the needs of the far-off field and when we reflect upon the needs of our country, where so many are pouring into our midst who have not the gospel, we feel that it has been truly said that we are only playing at missions. Our missionaries come from the field where sorrow and sin are found because of the absence of the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and their hearts are burning with a passion to save these souls in darkness. Do they find in us, to whom they must look for help, a responsive feeling, a like compassion for these, our less fortunate brethren? Do we give freely of our prayers and money that these may enjoy the gospel as we are permitted to enjoy it? David Livingstone said: "Men's hearts are undergoing a process of enlargement. Their sympathies are taking a wider scope. The world is getting closer, smaller, quite a compact affair. The world for Christ will yet be realized. Surely we all want a part in the evangelization of the world. For most of us this part will mean to return to our homes and take up the daily duties, but let us always feel that in the commonest things we may hear the command of God,

"As ye go, preach!" When the day of the missionary society comes, let us be there and let us be enthusiastic. "Enthusiasm is the element of success in everything. It robs endurance of difficulty and makes a pleasure of duty." We need it; we can do nothing effectually without it. One enthusiastic person may save the meeting from seeming dull, but there will be more than one, for enthusiasm is contagious.

Dear co-workers, in these days when we shall be together planning for the best things in our work, let us be careful and prayerful that we may be guided by divine power, and that the convention may be filled with the fruit of the spirit, "Love, joy and peace!" We want this to be a season when we shall realize more the great work we have to do; also a season from which we shall go filled with a new courage and determination that "as for us we will serve the Lord" with more diligence wherever it seems best to Him to place us, keeping in mind these two things—never be discouraged because good things get on so slowly here, and never fail daily to do that good which lies next to your hand. Let the prayer of our women be, as they return to their places of labor, the words of Dean Stanley, "God grant that as our horizon of duty is widened, our minds may widen with it; that as our burden is increased, our shoulders may be strengthened to bear it. God grant to us that spirit of wisdom and understanding, uprightness and godly fear, without which, even in greatest things, there is nothing; with which, even in the smallest things, there is everything."

MATIE MARTIN.

North Platte, Neb., Oct. 8, 1912.

Miss Anna Sanford, a returned Missionary from India, was then introduced, who spoke relative to the habits and customs of the people of that land and the labor of our Missionaries among them. A collection of $4.57 was taken.

After adjournment, all delegates and friends were invited to the parsonage, where the remainder of the evening was delightfully spent in a social way.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

After the devotional led by Mrs. Stafford of Rising City, the Convention was called to order by the President Miss Martin. Credentials were received and delegates en-

rolled. As they were introduced, they responded, "Why I am here."

On motion Mrs. Gribble was made a member of the Convention.

Delegates.

Dakota, Emmanuel—Mrs. David M. Neiswanger.

Lincoln—Mrs. Albright.

North Platte—Mrs. Bletcher, Mrs. Harman, Mrs. William Ebright.

Nebraska City—Mrs. J. A. Koser.

Omaha, Kountze Memorial—Mrs. Plowmann.

Roca—Miss Martin.

Rising City—Mrs. Stafford, Mrs. Saylor.

Yutan—Miss Lydia Bender.

Stamford—Mrs. Gustav Klatt.

Young People's Societies.

Nebraska City—Miss Lillydale Koser.

Mission Band.

North Platte—Mrs. C. B. Harman.

Omaha, Kountze Memorial—Mrs. Van Fleet.

Life Members.

Beatrice—Mrs. Mostert.

Dakota, Emmanuel—Mrs. David M. Neiswanger.

North Platte—Miss Anna Sanford, Margaret E. Fredrickson.

Omaha, Kountze Memorial—Mrs. Van Fleet, Mrs. Olivia C. Pelle.

Omaha, St. Mathews—Mrs. G. W. Snyder, Mrs. J. E. Hummon and Master Edward Hummon.

Yutan—Miss Lydia Bender.

Memorial Members.

Mrs. J. A. Lowe and Mrs. Olivia C. Pelle.

Visitors.

Rev. J. C. Pedersen, returned Missionary from Africa; Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Atchison, Kans.; Rev. J. A. Lowe, Wilber, Nebr.; Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., Lincoln, Nebr.; Rev. H. A. Wolfe, Stella; Rev. R. M. Badger, Beatrice; Rev. L. J. Powell, West Point; Rev. J. A. Koser, Nebraska City; Rev. Chas. Lewis, Ponca; Rev. H. C. Stafford, Rising City; Rev. J. F. Seibert, Chicago; Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph. D., South Omaha; Rev. Gustav Klatt, Stamford; Rev. C. B. Harman, North Platte;

Mesdames: F. M. Coliagen, Lillian Jackson, A. P. Carlson, Jennie Carlson, J. F. Cresseler, H. W. Bird, Freda Woods, H. W. Struble, Claudius, Bletcher, Thompson, Bollinger, and Miss Grossman.

The following committees and appointments were made:

Reporters to papers:

Daily Telegraph—Mrs. Claudius.

North Platte Tribune—Miss Lillydale Koser.

Lutheran Woman's Work—Mrs. Saylor.

Lutheran Church Work—Mrs. J. A. Koser.

Lutheran Observer—Mrs. Claudius.

Committees.

President's Address—Mrs. Neiswanger and Mrs. Pletcher.

Report of Executive Committee—Mrs. Stafford and Mrs. Van Fleet.

Report of Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Koser and Mrs. Klatt.

Auditing—Mrs. Van Fleet and Mrs. Claudius.

Thank Offering and Magazine—Mrs. Bollinger and Mrs. Koser.

Reports of Secretaries of Home Department, Young People's Societies, Mission Bands and Conference Superintendents—Miss Bender and Mrs. Ebright.

Reports of Chairman of Literature Committee and Box-Work—Mesdames Albright and Gribble.

Letters and Papers—Miss Bender and Mrs. Gribble.
Claims—Mesdames Van Fleet and Stafford.
Resolutions—Mesdames Saylor and Albright.

Reports of Executive Committee, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Historian were read and accepted, and placed in the hands of the respective committees.

Report of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee held two meetings during the year, the first at Kountze Memorial Church, immediately following the convention of our Synodical Society, the entire committee being present. Stationery for the ensuing year was ordered to be printed. Mrs. Badger was instructed to endeavor to secure the presence of Miss Sanford at our next convention.

A motion was passed relative to a change of Section 10 of our by-laws, limiting the term of office of President, Vice President and Secretary.

Our second meeting was held at Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln, June 23, 1911, all officers being present.

The following reports were read and adopted:

Corresponding Secretary.

Treasurer.

Literature Committee.

The President reported the cost of stationery for use of Synodical officers, $8.

Filing of incorporation papers, $3.

A motion passed that the President in her letters to each society ask for an extra Synodical fee of 10 cents to increase the Synodical fee to meet the expense of the returned missionary, Miss Sanford. It was decided that one person conduct the "Quiet Hour" throughout the convention, with one thought the watchword, "Courage!" Mrs. Ludden was appointed to have charge of the "Quiet Hour."

The program was then arranged, resolutions were adopted and the Secretary instructed to send copies to Rev. Lowe and family.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLYDALE KOSER.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

In making out this yearly report I regret very much to say that our membership has, instead of an increase, fallen off in active members. Last year we reported a total of 599 members; this year

Corresponding Secretary's Report, 1911-1912.

Woman's Societies.	Organized.	Quarters Reported.	Name of Corresponding Secretaries and Addresses.	Membership. Active.	Honorary.	Cradle Roll.	Life.	Memorial.	Home Department.	Total, not Including Life and Home Dept.	Number of Meetings.	Time of Meetings.	Lutheran Woman's Work.	Lutheran Boys and Girls.	Boxes sent to Mis. and their Values.
Beatrice	1892	2, 3, 4	Mrs. H. W. Munson, 816 N. 8th	16	..	48	3	..	...	64	9	2nd Friday	20	....	.....
Benson	1907	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. H. Ohye	22	..	..	..	..	...	22	...	2nd Wednesday	....	....	.....
Dakota City	1891	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. Ade Sherman	16	2	..	3	..	1	18	8	1st Thursday	11	15	.....
Davenport	1907	1, 2, 3, 4	Miss Lenora Bohner	7	..	..	1	..	...	7	5	1st Sunday	2	....	.....
Lincoln	1890	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. L. P. Ludden, 1336 D St.	20	1	..	..	..	...	21	11	1st Wednesday	14	....	.....
North Platte	1904	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. C. B. Harman, 311 W. 5th St.	16	2	..	1	..	9	18	12	Last Friday	48	....	.....
Nebraska City	1911	2	Mrs. F. H. Fullriede	6	..	..	..	..	...	6	2	2nd Sunday	2	....	.....
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	1886	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. M. O. Plowman, 5112 Cass St.	28	2	..	1	1	...	30	12	1st Friday	9	....	.....
Omaha, St. Matthew's	1911	3	Mrs. Sylvia S. Stough, 1706 S. Central Boulevard	6	1	..	1	..	...	7	7	1st Thursday	2	....	.....
Ponca	1880	1, 2, 4	Mrs. W. W. Mikesell	31	1	..	..	..	...	32	13	1st Friday	12	....	.....
Roca	1892	2, 3, 4	Mrs. Henry Wissel	6	1	..	..	..	...	7	...	2nd Sunday	3	....	.....
Rising City	1904	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. D. Loudenslager	25	5	..	1	..	2	30	12	1st Wednesday	16	30	.....
West Point	1904	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. Ella J. DeBell	13	1	..	..	..	...	14	11	1st Wednesday	13	....	.....
Surprise	1912	3, 4	Mrs. Susie Kruman	9	5	..	..	..	...	14	6	1st Thursday	8	....	.....
Tekamah	1880	4	Mrs. Scherer	5	..	..	..	..	...	5	3	1st Saturday	5	....	.....
Wilber	1909	4	Mrs. E. E. Shimonek	4	..	..	..	..	...	4	2	2nd Thursday	....	....	.....
Yutan	1883	2, 3, 4	Mrs. O. F. Peters	4	3	..	1	..	...	7	10	1st Sunday	2	10	.....
Stella	1912		Miss Maude Montgomery, Humboldt	..	..	..	3	..	...	....	...	1st Thursday	8	....	.....
Stamford	1912		Mrs. W. T. Kahse	5	..	..	..	..	...	5	...	.....	1	....	.....
			Rev. M. D. Berg	..	1	..	1	..	...	1	...	.....	....	....	.....
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Young People's Societies.															
Beatrice	1906	2, 3	Joseph E. Woodring	20	13	..	..	..	...	33	...	Ev. Sund'y even	....	....	$ 5 00
Nebraska City	1908	2, 3	Miss Lilydale Koser	10	4	..	1	..	...	14	...	1st Sunday	....	....	.....
North Platte	1911	2, 4	Miss Helen Minshall	14	..	..	..	..	...	14	...	3rd Sunday	....	....	.....
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	1908	3	Theresia Hokanson, 1006 S. 25th Av.	15	2	..	..	..	...	17	...	1st Monday	1	....	.....
Omaha, St. Matthew's	1911	3	Alma Dohsa, 3142 S. 17th St.	9	..	..	..	..	...	9	...	1st Monday	....	40	.....
Totals	....	.....	.....	68	19	..	1	..	...	87	...	.....	1	40	.....
Mission Bands.															
Auburn	1906	1, 2, 3, 4	Miss Carrie Mellott	18	9	..	..	..	...	27	...	1st & 3rd Sunday	3	10	.....
Beatrice	1910	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. E. P. Mumford, 1000 Market St.	15	..	..	..	..	...	15	..	Every 2 weeks	....	12	.....
North Platte	1910	1, 2, 3, 4	Margaret E. Fredrickson	20	..	..	1	..	...	20	...	2nd Saturday	....	50	.....
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	1911	3	[illegible]lian Over, 1314 S. 28th St.	12	1	..	..	..	...	13	...	Last Saturday	....	....	.....
South Omaha	1910	1, 2, 3, 4	Irene Neff, 710 N. 26th St.	45	2	..	..	..	...	47	11	1st Sunday	1	1	.....
Ponca	1910	1	Mrs. [illegible] D. Kautz	20	..	..	..	..	...	20	...	1st & 3d Saturday	....	....	.....
Rising City	1912	4	Beulah Garman	30	..	..	..	..	...	30	...	1st Sunday	....	....	.....
Totals	....	.....	.....	160	12	..	1	..	...	172	...	.....	4	73	.....
Grand Totals	....	.....	.....	[illegible]											

we are compelled to report 28 less that number, and that takes in our three new Woman's Societies and Mission Band. Tekamah, also, is on the list, which was not last year. We have a very small increase in number of Woman's Magazine subscribers. We save our credit there by 3. Doesn't sound much like membership and magazine campaign, does it?

No box work for the foreign field has been reported by the Woman's Societies, but a number of societies have done nobly in contributing to our Tabitha Home at Lincoln, Neb.

Mrs. Kahse wrote me a W. H. & F. M. Society was organized at Stamford September 12, with five members.

Mrs. Wolfe also reported a W. H. & F. M. Society organized at Stella September 11.

The Woman's Society at Surprise and the Mission Band at Rising City, organized last June, gives us four new societies during this Synodical year. We also had one new life member within the year, Mrs. L. J. Saylor, Rising City.

In reporting box work, if the auxiliary secretaries would always state where the box was sent, i. e., to India, Africa, or for home missions, it would be a great help to your correspondent in making her biennial report to the General Secretary. Also, be careful to report membership every quarter.

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA A. BENDER.

Treasurer's Report.

I beg to submit the following report for the year ending October 1, 1912:

RECEIPTS.

October 5, 1911, cash on hand	$ 66 49	
Receipts (see tabulated statement)	699 77	
		$764 26

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid General Treasurer—	
For General Fund	$252 00
For Life Memberships	30 00
For Memorial Membership	10 00
For Thank-Offering	226 00
For Christmas Offering	9 00
For Girls' School in India	25 00
For E. V. Day School in Africa	6 00
For E. V. Day School New Building	20 25
For May Memorial	20 00

For Jubilee Fund	33 00	
FROM SYNODICAL FEE FUND.		$631 23
To Mrs. M. A. Mostert, railroad fare	$ 3 20	
To Mrs. M. A. Mostert, postage	60	
To Mrs. L. P. Ludden, railroad fare	1 60	
To Miss Maude Martin, postage	40	
To Miss Maude Martin, badges	90	
To Miss Maude Martin, railroad fare	2 20	
To Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, postage	1 50	
To Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, railroad fare	3 49	
To Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, salary	5 00	
To Miss L. A. Bender, postage	2 60	
To Miss Matie Martin, railroad fare	2 20	
To Mrs. Badger, programs	3 50	
To Mrs. Badger, stationery	2 00	
To Mrs. Badger, railroad fare	3 20	
To Mrs. Badger, postage	4 00	
To exchange	10	
		36 49
Total		$ 667 74
Cash balance on hand		$ 96 52
Cash on hand is as follows:		
Silver Anniversary Fund		$ 24 35
Synodical Fee Fund		37 64
General Fund		3 36
Thank-offering Fund		2 37
Christmas Offering Fund		56
Girls' School in India		25 39
E. V. Day School in Africa		10
Jubilee Fund		25
Synodical Delegates to General Conference		4 14
		$ 98 16
To May Memorial, overpaid		1 64
		$ 96 52
Supplemental report (see next page)		47 24
Total cash on hand		$143 76

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH S. H. NEISWANGER.

Supplemental Report.

	General Fund.	E. V. Day New Building.	Life Membership.	Memorial Number.	Synodical Fee Fund.	Totals.
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	$4 20	$2 00	$.....	$.....	$.....	$ 6 20
North Platte Mission Band	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	10 00
North Platte Y. P. Society	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	10 00
Offerings at Convention	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 04	11 04
Members of Convention	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	10 00

Historian's Report.

We do not come together again to exchange felicitations, lest we fall into forgetfulness, but because we owe to posterity to leave some record of our activity.

Life lies behind us as a quarry from which we get the tiles and cornerstones for our masonry. Experience and records are the guiding stars which lead others to a larger and a fuller work in the future.

In compliance with a custom and need of our society, I come before you again to give additional material concerning our historical collections.

Death, who knocks with equal hand at the door of the cottage and the palace gate has been busy in our midst the yast year. Three faithful workers in the Lord's vineyard have gone to their reward..

Mrs. J. A. Lowe, ex-President of the W. H. & F. M. Synodical Society for three years, died June 4, 1912.

Mrs. Olivia Pelle, life member, died October, 1911.

Mrs. Susan Harden, life member, died June 21, 1912.

Minutes of the Thirty-first Annual Convention.

Report of the Thirty-sixth Foreign Mission Board.

The Eight Biennial Report of the Deaconess Board.

The Yearly Tracts.

United Course Studies.

Conservations of National Ideals and Light of the World.

Lutheran Woman's Work, 1912, to date.

M. A. MOSTERT, *Historian.*

The Auditing Committee reported as follows:

Treasurer's Exhibit of Receipts for Year Ending October 1st, 1912.

	General Fund.	Synodical Fee Fund.	Thank-offering Fund.	Christmas-offering.	Life-Membership.	Memorial Membership.	May Memorial Fund.	E. V. Day School in Africa.	Girls School in India.	Jubilee Fund.	New Building for E. V. Day School in Africa.	Silver Anniversary Fund.	Totals.
Convention Offering	$.....	$ 7 56	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$...	$ 7 56
Friends at Convention (Mrs. Badger, Pres.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.													
Beatrice	8 97	50	12 73	.....	.....	.....	1 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 50
Benson	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 50
Dakota City, Emmanuel	9 35	2 50	4 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 10	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	21 95
Davenport	7 30	25	4 00	1 50	10 00	.....	65	3 00	.....	17 00	.....	.....	43 70
Lincoln	19 44	4 00	17 52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 96
Nebraska City	2 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 90
North Platte	16 00	1 80	9 00	1 70	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 50
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	21 00	3 40	40 00	.....	.....	10 00	12 06	.....	.....	.....	3 25	.....	89 71
Omaha, St. Matthew's	7 60	1 00	2 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 72
Ponca	31 00	5 30	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 30
Rising City	28 40	5 00	42 00	4 16	10 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00	1 00	17 00	.....	132 56
Roca	8 00	3 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	16 00
Tekamah	5 00	65	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 65
Surprise	3 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50
West Point	16 30	3 40	33 01	1 20	.....	.....	1 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 71
Wilber	6 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Yutan	5 80	1 00	3 10	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	15 90

Treasurer's Exhibit of Receipts for Year Ending October 1st, 1912—Continued.

	General Fund.	Synodical Fee Fund.	Thank-offering Fund.	Christmas-offering.	Life-Membership.	Memorial Members.	May Memorial Fund.	E. V. Day School in Africa.	Girls School in India.	Jubilee Fund.	New Building for E. V. Day School in Africa.	Silver Anniversary Fund.	Totals.
Young People's Societies.													
Beatrice	2 72												2 72
Davenport C. E.	1 10												1 10
Nebraska City	7 45	25	19 77										27 47
North Platte			5 00										5 00
Omaha, K. M. Helper's Circle (P. V.)	5 05								25 05				30 05
Omaha, St. Matthew's	3 65												3 65
Roca		2 00						2 00					4 00
Mission Bands.													
Beatrice	1 30												1 30
Bruning	3 00												3 00
North Platte	3 20		8 00										11 20
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	70		1 05										1 75
Ponca	3 25												3 25
Rising City	1 00												1 00
South Auburn	3 00	1 00	68										4 68
South Omaha	7 82		2 00										9 82
Personals, Etc.													
Rev. Berg	1 00												1 00
Bruning Ladies' Aid Society	3 21												3 21
Intefest												95	95
	$250 01	$44 11	$227 98	$9 56	$30 00	$10 00	$17 91	$6 00	$50 00	$33 00	$20 25	$ 95	$699 77

Your Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's Report, submit the following:

We have carefully examined the Treasurer's Books and vouchers, and find them to be correct. Your Committee find West Point credited with $1.00 more than blank report, which may be due to error on part of the one reporting. We find cash on hand, $96.52.

Your Auditing Committee would recommend that delegates instruct their auxiliary Treasurers to write plainly on blanks, the date and place. Also designate the object to which moneys are given.

We would commend our Treasurer for the neat and accurate way in which her books are kept.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. EDWARD A. VAN FLEET.
MRS. A. S. CLAUDIUS.

Two life members were added: Miss Anna Sanford, by the Young People's Missionary Society of North Platte, and the Sunday school girls of Mrs. A. F. Yost; and Margaret E. Fredrickson by her own savings and denials. Hymn 148.

The reports of Secretaries of Literature, Box-Work, Home Department were read and adopted.

Report of the Literature Committee.

Another Synodical year has ended and the work must be summed up and reported. In this department, year by year, there is very much of sameness. This year the tracts have been sent out regularly, in addition from time to time literature has been sent to congregations where they have no missionary society. The text-book sales show a good increase this year, thus strongly indicating increased interest in our work.

At the denominational rally and conference of the Women's Societies, held this year in Omaha, your committee furnished a supply of literature for our Lutheran table.

We have splendid literature and it is really too bad that we cannot secure a larger number of readers in all our congregations.

The financial statement is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	$ 5 13
Sales at convention	10 73
For articles of incorporation from President, Miss Martin	3 00
North Platte	50
Dakota City	50
Roca	50
Linco'n	50
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	50
Rising City	1 00
Ponca	50
Thank-offering supplies	2 33
Text-books	80
	$25 99

DISBURSEMENTS.

Express	$ 25
Articles of incorporation	3 00
Stamps	3 61
Thank-offering supplies	2 33
Literature	5 34
Supplies for convention	11 04
Balance on hand	42
	$25 99

All bills are paid.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. LUTHER P. LUDDEN.

Report of Committee on "Box Work."

Your Committee on Box Work would submit the following:

Subsequent to our convention at Omaha, I received a letter from Rev. F. Wiegmann, of Newkirk, Okla., to whom we sent our last Synodical box, stating that it was received in good condition, and expressing gratitude in behalf of himself and family to the ladies of this Synodical Society.

If any boxes have been sent by auxiliary societies during the interim, your committee has not been informed of them.

As preparatory to our box-packing at this convention, we have written 28 letters to the respective auxiliaries, requesting their co-operation, and suggesting the contribution of such articles as in

our judgment might be helpful to the different members of the family to whom we contemplate sending our box.

We have written 12 letters and 17 cards in addition to the 28 letters already mentioned, making in all 40 letters and 17 cards.

Respectfully submitted,

Home Department.

Through correspondence I have tried to stimulate Home Department interest in new fields and have received some encouraging replies. What is now left to do is to get our work down to such a basis that it can be properly reported to headquarters. I mean by this that we be able to report membership, contributions, literature (magazine, weekly readings), etc. To this end I wish to refer you for information to the "One Woman Campaign" in *Lutheran Woman's Work* for September, page 366, by Mrs. J. F. Seebach.

Yours respectfully,

MRS. F. FREDRICKSON.

The Superintendent of South Platte Conference presented the following:

Have written twelve letters. Three Societies and one Mission Band have been organized during the year. The Women's are at Surprise, Standford and Stella. The Band is at Rising City.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUD C. MARTIN.

Report of Superintendent of North Platte Conference:

Although the fruits are not visible of work done by your Superintendent, work is under way and prospects good for the coming year. A new Society is being organized at Allen, Rev. C. H. Lewis, supply pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EDWARD A. VAN FLEET.

Report of Western Conference Superintendent:

As Superintendent of the Western Conference, I submit the following report: Received a letter from Potter in regard to organizing there, saying they carry a fund of $5.00 for Missionary work in their Guild which is all

they can do at present. I also received letters from Sidney, Sutherland, Oshkosh and Lewellen, saying they had fairly good prospects for a Society but since that time the prospects are not so bright.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FRED THOMPSON.

Quiet Hour was led by Mrs. Van Fleet.

Mrs. Neiswanger was appointed to conduct the Quiet Hour this afternoon. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Convention re-assembled at 2 p. m., and was opened by singing Hymn 44. Rev. Berg offered prayer. Roll was called and minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Reports from auxiliary societies were heard. A letter of greeting from Ponca was read.

Report of Secretary of Young People's Societies was read as follows:

I have written letters to all congregations where there were any prospects for a society, and in nearly all instances received an answer. I am sorry to report no success whatever. Most of our congregations where there were no missionary societies, thought it would be a burden to add another society and thought it better to strengthen those already in existence. I ask you all to prayerfully consider this department and devise, if possible, a better method of reaching the hosts of Lutheran young people so much needed in this service.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY JOHNSOM.

Your Mission Band Superintendent has during the year written 30 letters, and done considerable personal work. Letters received state inexpediency of organiz-

ing at the present time, also difficulty in securing leaders. A Band has been organized at Rising City with 25 charter members, and Mrs. L. A. Garman Superintendent. May the coming year be more successful in this important work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. H. YERIAN.

Solo by Mrs. Van Fleet. An offering of $4.32 was taken.

A letter from Mrs. Neibel, of Africa, was read by Rev. Pedersen, a returned Missionary from Africa. Memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Saylor of Rising City. Miss Bender gave a tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. J. A. Lowe. A tribute was given by Mrs. Neiswanger in behalf of Mrs. Olivia C. Pelle. A tribute of respect by Mrs. Mostert of Beatrice, in behalf of Mrs. Susan Harden, was read by Mrs. Klatt. Mrs. Saylor gave a tribute of respect in behalf of Mrs. Hendy of North Platte. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Albright of Lincoln. Hymn 501.

An address by Mrs. Yerian, Secretary of Mission Band, was read by Rev. Yerian.

Mrs. Harman gave a demonstration of a model Mission Band, which indicated much labor on her part, and remarkable missionary knowledge on part of the children. Miss Sanford and Rev. Pedersen spoke to the children in regard to the work in their respective fields of labor. The Quiet Hour was conducted by Mrs. Neiswanger. Convention closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Yarger.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional service was led by Mrs. Bollinger.

On motion Mrs. Bollinger was made an advisory member of the Convention.

Roll called; minutes read and approved.

Committee on Report of Executive Committee presented the following:

Report of Committee on Report of Executive Committee.

Your Committee submits the following:

The Executive Committee has held two meetings during the year and transacted all the necessary business.

We appreciate the successful efforts of Mrs. Badger in securing Miss Sanford to speak at this Convention.

We commend the action of the Executive Committee relative to limiting the term of office of the President, Vice-President and Secretary, and suggest that this matter be duly considered by the Convention.

While we deplore the fact that Mrs. Ludden could not be with us, we believe the Quiet Hour as prepared by her has been a great spiritual help to us all.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. C. STAFFORD.
Mrs. EDWARD A. VAN FLEET.

On motion it was considered by items and adopted.

The term of office of President, Vice President and Secretary was limited to two years, amending Art. 10 of our Constitution.

Report of Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report, was received and adopted, as follows:

The report of our Corresponding Secretary indicates much work and faithfulness during the year. It presents some encouraging features, as regards our work, and some which we have reason to regret; especially that our numbers have not multiplied more rapidly throughout our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. A. KOSER.
MRS. G. KLATT.

On motion the different Conferences of Synod were requested to allow a portion of their time to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, in charge of their Conference Secretaries.

Reports of Committees on "Box-Work," Historian, and Literature were read and adopted.

Your Committee on Literature Committee Report would report that we have carefully examined the report and recognize the faithful and efficient work that is being done along this line. The fact that our splendid literature is not more generally read is to be regretted, though we are gratified that the text-books sales have increased. We would urge all delegates to examine the literature exhibit and purchase as freely as possible, for every cent expended will more than double itself in increased activity.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. J. ALBRIGHT.
MRS. E. H. GRIBBLE.

Your committee hereby commend the faithful and valuable services of those in charge of this work. We rejoice that so many societies are represented and we urge that *all* participate in this blessed service. Give and it shall be added unto you in increased stores.

MRS. A. J. ALBRIGHT.
MRS. E. H. GRIBBLE.

Report on Historian Report.

In the report of the Historian we rejoice in the progress indicated, though we note with sadness the home-going of so many of our members.

We urge every auxiliary society to be vigilant and report direct to the Historian any events that should be handed down to our children as an educational factor, thereby laying a firm and solid foundation for mission work, for from them must come our future strength.

MRS. A. J. ALBRIGHT,
MRS. E. H. GRIBBLE.
Committee.

Rev. J. A. Lowe gave a word of greeting.

A recess of ten minutes was granted.

Convention sang hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," which was followed with prayer by Rev. Wolfe.

Report of Committee on Claims.

Your Committee recommend the following claims be allowed by this Convention:

Mrs. Neiswanger	$16.00
Miss Martin	15.00
Miss Bender	2.00

Miss Lillydale Koser	2.80
Miss Anna Sanford	10.00
Mrs. Yerian	.60
	$46.40

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. EDWARD A. VAN FLEET.
MRS. H. C. STAFFORD.

Round Table was conducted by Mrs. Albright.

A very excellent and helpful paper was read by Mrs. Stafford of Rising City, on Helps and Hindrances to attendance and punctuality.

Gaining of new members and giving and Thank-offering in our Societies by Mrs. Claudius.

Address by Dr. L. P. Ludden, Secretary Board of Home Missions.

Quiet Hour, Miss Grosmann. An invitation was extended to join with the Synod in an "Auto" ride at 4 p. m. weather permitting.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened with Hymn No. 80, and prayer by Mrs. Pletcher.

Roll was called and answers given in Scripture passages on "Courage."

Minutes were read and approved. Dr. Yarger, Secretary Board of Church Extension, addressed the Convention.

Report of Committee on Home Department, Young People's Societies, Mission Bands, and Conference Superintendents was adopted, as follows:

Report of Committee on Home Department, Young People's Societies, Mission Bands, and Conference Superintendents.

We highly commend Mrs. Fredrickson for her untiring efforts in

behalf of Home Department work, and while she has not been permitted to see large results of her work, we believe it has not been in vain. We would recommend that the article, the "One Woman Campaign," referred to in the Woman's Magazine for September, be read before this convention.

The Secretary of the Young People's Society has about the same tone as that of the Home Department, and reports no success, but she has some consolation in that in nearly all instances she received replies to her letters.

The Mission Band Secretary, too, has been untiring in her efforts, doing personal work and by writing. In one or two instances she has taken her "band" with her and given entertainments. But she, too, must face the same complaint, i. e., difficulty in securing leaders to carry on the work. Oh, if we only had leaders, leaders!

The Conference Superintendents' reports show zealous work on their part. "Precept upon precept"; "here a little, there a little."

South Platte claims all the new societies for this Synodical year.

The Superintendents of Western Conference have some ray of of light, and we hope by another convention time we will have several new societies in this conference.

The Superintendents of North Platte Conference also have some bright hopes for the coming year. An organization is pending at Allen, Neb., and we hope it will materialize.

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA A. BENDER,
MRS. EBRIGHT.

A paper on "Our Lutheran Woman in Mission Work," by Mrs. R. M. Badger was read.

In appreciation of the labors in the past of our deceased sister Mrs. J. A. Lowe, the members of this Convention desire to perpetuate her memory by giving her a memorial membership.

Box-packing was postponed until after Synodical service this evening.

An offering of $2.15 was taken.

Rev. Pedersen extended greetings from the Board of Foreign Missions. Hymn 27. A recess of ten minutes was taken.

The best methods for conducting Thank-offering and Praise Service were discussed.

The report of Committee on Resolutions was adopted, with request that it be read before the Synod, with their resolutions.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions submits the following:

1. *Resolved,* That we acknowledge with gratitude to our Heavenly Father, to whom we offer all honor and praise, for the abundant blessings He has showered upon us through another year, and for the efficient work and results accomplished in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

2. *Resolved,* That while we rejoice for results gained we adopt our watchword "Courage!" and press forward to the organization of an auxiliary in *every* congregation in Nebraska Synod.

3. *Resolved,* That we deeply mourn the loss of Mrs. J. A. Lowe, Mrs. Olivia Pelle, Mrs. Susan Harden and Mrs. Charles Hendy, who have been called home. We endeavor with renewed zeal to fill their places by erecting a monument of consecrated service to their sacred memory.

4. *Resolved,* That we pledge our loyal support to our excellent literature and greater increased subscriptions to *Lutheran Woman's Work.*

5. *Resolved,* That we thank our Father for the safe return of our dear Miss Sanford and Dr. Pederson and for their instructive and inspiring addresses given us from their fields of labor in India and Africa. Grant that from among us some may heed the call of the Master to fill their places when summoned to retire.

6. *Resolved,* That we extend our appreciation of the helpful addresses by the following speakers: Dr. Ludden, Dr. Yarger and Dr. Lowe; also the papers by Mrs. Yerian, Mrs. Stafford and Mrs. Badger.

7. *Resolved,* That we greatly appreciate Mrs. Harmon's demonstration of a model mission band and the deep interest manifested by the children.

8. *Resolved,* That our sincere thanks be tendered as follows: 1. To our officers, our committees and all who have given themselves so unreservedly to the promotion of the work. 2. To the pastor and people of the First Lutheran Church, for their generous hospitality and gracious courtesy extended us. 3. To the organist and choir and all contributing, whose music added so greatly to the enjoyment of the convention. 4. To the Brotherhood who so kindly arranged an auto ride for our added enjoyment in

seeing the city's places of interest. 5. To the city papers, the *Telegraph* and *Tribune*, for the prominence given our convention in their columns.

MRS. L. J. SAYLOR,
MRS. A. J. ALBRIGHT,
Committee.

Report of Committee on President's address was adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

In listening to and reading the address of our President we have been impressed with her efficient work throughout the year. It contained much encouragement and enthused all with her spirit of missionary zeal.

Her suggestion to make a Field Secretary our special work would, no doubt, help in the extension of auxiliaries, therefore we would recommend that our Conference Superintendents act in this capacity, their expenses being paid out of the Silver Anniversary Fund.

We regret with her that our subscriptions to the *Lutheran Woman's Work* have not increased, and ask our women to make a greater attempt toward its increase this year.

We would also recommend the suggestion of the plan to increase the Thank-offering as outlined by the Pittsburg Synodical Society.

We would commend our President in urging the observance of the Home Mission week, November 17-24.

MRS. W. H. PLETCHER,
MRS. D. M. NEISWANGER.

Hymn No. 129.

Dialogue, "A Home Department Call," by Miss Gladys Bird and Miss Olga Sandal.

Quiet Hour was conducted by Miss Grosmann. Closed with prayer by Rev. Stafford.

At the close of the Synodical meeting, Thursday evening, an interesting box-packing, conducted by Mrs. J. A. Koser, was held. The following contributions were made in cash and useful articles:

Kountze Memorial, Omaha	$ 5.68
Lincoln	8.50
Rising City	8.00
North Platte	2.00

West Point	6.00
Dakota City	6.00
Tekamah	7.44
Nebraska City	2.00
Nebraska City (Young People)	3.00
Roca	2.00
Yutan	2.05
Wilber	1.75
Ponca	3.00
Davenport	1.85
Benson	1.00
South Auburn (Mission Band)	2.50
Kountze Memorial (Young People)	2.00
Stella	1.75
Kountze Memorial (Mission Band)	1.25
Potter	1.50
Allen	1.00
Surprise	2.00
Sidney	1.50
Total	$69.27

A few contributions were made without giving name or amount.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotional was read by Mrs. Klatt. Roll was called and minutes read and approved. Report on Letters and Papers was presented and approved.

Report on Letters and Papers.

We note with pleasure the greetings from Mrs. Shaffer, Secretary of the General Executive Committee. We pray her pleasure may be realized in the subscriptions to the *Woman's Magazine*, and that the call for a nurse and physician to the India field may soon be answered.

The paper, "The Mission Band of Today and Its Possibilities,"